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## **North West College to have Grand Opening of New Off-site Facility**

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**North Battleford, SK** – North West College will celebrate its grand opening of a new off-site facility with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 1:00pm. The ceremony will be held at 2022 102<sup>nd</sup> Street North Battleford, SK.

After many years of delivering programs at multiple sites in the Battlefords, North West College is very excited to be consolidating its several off-site programs under one roof for the 2017/18 academic year. This new site located at 2022 102<sup>nd</sup> street North Battleford and has been named Mistikwa Centre.

Over 100 students will be training at the new centre with programs as diverse as Industrial Mechanic, Electrician, Adult 10 and Essential Skills for the Workplace Programs. The name Mistikwa was chosen to honour North West College's long history in the Battlefords as *Mistikwa Community College* was the College's original name when it was founded in 1975. Mistikwa is a Cree word meaning a 'cluster of growing trees'.

Mistikwa Centre is a temporary solution to a chronic space issue faced at North West College. With over 2600 students trained annually, the College's main campus continually exceeds capacity during the academic year. North West College has leased the space for one year. "We are excited to bring our off-site programs in the Battlefords under one roof. We realize this is a temporary solution to our spatial constraints, but the College appreciates the opportunity to create efficiencies by gathering these programs together for our students. They can develop a sense of community and draw on student supports that are more challenging to create in piecemeal locations across the city. Mistikwa Centre improves our ability to serve our students.," said Tavia Laliberte, President and CEO of North West College.

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