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Neighbourhood Hub at Major Ballachey Public School To Open June 16th

Brantford ON: The City of Brantford and the Grand Erie District School Board have partnered to create a unique gathering place. Located in the lower level of Major Ballachey Public School, the new Neighbourhood Hub designed to provide services to residents and promote family engagement has officially opened its doors to the community.

“A Neighbourhood Hub is about bringing members of the community together”, said Brantford Mayor Chris Friel. “It can be a school, a neighbourhood centre or another public space that offers co-located or integrated services such as education, health care and social services. Each Hub is as unique as the neighbourhood it serves.”

“A school is the ideal facility to host a Neighbourhood Hub”, said David Dean, Chair of the Board. “Residents in the Major Ballachey Public School community can come together to engage in enjoyable, enriching experiences. This Hub will become a place of gathering for people to make positive changes for themselves, their families and their community.”

Major Ballachey Public School was selected for its location and current programming at the school, including a Parenting and Family Literacy Centre and community Wish Closet. Among other amenities, the new space is equipped with moveable furniture, computers, a Smart Board and a fully stocked kitchenette.

A series of pop-up events will take place this summer for children and youth, as well as an At Home Alone program for youth, resume writing and computer and internet workshops. Ongoing programming will focus on after-school programs for children, parenting programs, employment readiness classes for adults, cooking clubs, a weekly youth drop in and other events that are requested by the neighbourhood. All programs are free and listed on the City of Brantford website, Neighbourhood Alliance page. The public is encouraged to call 519-756-1500 for more information or to register.

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