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### **Horizon/EPSSD Students attending Rural Ed Congress as E-Journalists**

**Humboldt, SK** – Students and staff from several Horizon schools and Englefeld School are heading to TCU Place in Saskatoon on March 20-22 as E-Journalists for the 21<sup>st</sup> National Congress on Rural Education in Canada. This Congress brings together educators from across Canada to discuss challenges and successes related to rural schools. The E-Journalism students will be attending Rural Congress sessions, interviewing keynote speakers and presenters and sharing multi-media productions with delegates. You can follow along and see the students' work as it's updated at [facebook.com/RuralCongress2016](https://facebook.com/RuralCongress2016).

The E-Journalism Team met for a training session on March 11, where they practiced conducting interviews, taking photos, video recording/editing and various other journalism and technology skills. Students had the opportunity to hear from Clark Stork, broadcaster with Humboldt's Bolt FM, on what it takes to be a journalist and tips for conducting interviews. They also heard from and interviewed Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education for Horizon School Division and Englefeld Protestant Separate School Division.

"The opportunity to have our students engaged in this process is a wonderful thing," said Mr. Garinger. "When I was asked by Congress organizers if we would like to participate in this program, I jumped at the chance to provide this experience for our students and staff from both divisions. They will be learning new skills and interacting with educators and experts from across the country, and they will have a chance to show off their talents and make their schools and divisions proud."

"I think it's a great opportunity and a great way to learn new things," said Avery McMartin, student at Wadena Composite High School and member of the E-Journalism Team. Avery is one of several students from Wadena Composite attending the Congress. Other schools being represented on the team include Foam Lake Composite, Humboldt Collegiate Institute, St. Brieux, Viscount Central, William Derby School in Strasbourg and Englefeld School.

The E-Journalism Project at the National Congress on Rural Education gives students and staff an opportunity to build journalism and technology skills and cover a major educational conference.

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