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Synergy gives the Neilburg school track project a running start

Neilburg, Sask. - When Neilburg Composite School students hit the track next year, it will be on an improved surface.

The track is in dire need of an update. Currently, the facility is inadequate; the grass has grown in, eliminating two to three lanes; the East end has fallen substantially causing an uphill/downhill grade; the lanes are uneven and hazardous for runners; and the track is not the standard size for competitions. The plans right now include widening, repairing and prepping the track for a new surface, creating proper drainage, and applying a shale finish.

Synergy Credit Union is excited to help the process along by donating \$5,000.

"It's a project that will help our local athletes for years to come," said Neilburg Branch Manager Anne Bisson.

"Places like the track help bring our community together and we're proud to support a project like this."



The condition of the track has hindered the local track team in its preparation for competitions against other schools. Neilburg Composite School was also unable to host their local Tri-meet this year due to the track's poor condition.

"Over the last three years, our Track and Field Program has become very popular in our school. The majority of our K-12 students are participating as well as competing at very high levels, including provincials. With the help of the generous donation from the Synergy Credit Union, we plan on

improving the track to allow the students to train to compete at their full potential,” said Neilburg Composite School Teacher Lisa Perkins.

The track is also widely used in the community by residents who use it as a walking trail.

The initial survey has already been completed and work on the track is expected to begin as soon as possible. The improved track should be ready for use for the 2017-2018 school year.

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