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Leadership Education and Athletic Development launched at Porter Creek Secondary

WHITEHORSE—A new school-based program that helps Grade 10 and 11 students develop personal leadership, wellness and active living skills has been launched at Porter Creek Secondary School, Education Minister Elaine Taylor announced today.

This new 10 credit program, called Leadership Education and Athletic Development, or LEAD, combines instruction at facilities with seminars, guest speakers and time in the classroom.

"We're pleased with the experiences and learning opportunities this program will bring," Taylor said. "LEAD is an example of efforts being made to expand the options available to Yukon learners."

LEAD is a half-day program delivered over an entire semester. A total of 16 students have enrolled, and they are learning about human movement, conditioning, nutrition and personal responsibility. The program will challenge students to explore, identify, develop and practise effective leadership skills.

One of the first seminars held earlier this month featured professional soccer player and former Olympian Rhian Wilkinson.

In September 2013, F.H. Collins Secondary School opened its Physical Literacy Centre in partnership with Sport Yukon. LEAD and the F.H. Collins program are similar school-based approaches that emphasize physical literacy as a way to keep students engaged with their studies. Both LEAD and the F.H. Collins Physical Literacy Centre are variations of a model used by the Canadian Sport Institute.

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