



**MEMBER RELEASE – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

**School Community Connections – *Supporting Neighbourhoods Learning Centres***

To: Mayors, Chairs and Administrators  
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The School Community Connections (SCC) program was launched in 2005 through a one-time \$10 million grant from the provincial Ministry of Education. The program is jointly managed by the Union of BC Municipalities and the BC School Trustees Association and is intended to promote sustainable and innovative collaboration between boards of education and local governments.

The 2010 SCC program, *Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres*, is intended to continue the original goals of the program while actively encouraging boards of education and local governments to work cooperatively and with community partners to create neighbourhood learning centres and expand the use of schools to provide community services.

Grants of up to \$30,000 per school district are available to support neighbourhood learning centres by:

- Encouraging the co-location of services for students, their families and the community at large within school facilities;
- Making greater utilization of available or new school facilities; and
- Encouraging collaborative, long-term facilities planning that takes into account the needs of the community as a whole.

All boards of education and local governments in BC are eligible to apply; however, the board of education and local government must apply together. One will act as the primary applicant and the other will act as the partnering agency. The application deadline is June 4, 2010.

To access the Program & Application Guide and the Application Form, please visit the Funding Programs section of [www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca). For more information about the funding program, contact:

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