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Pleasant Hill School Centenary

Mr. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This September I was honoured to join Pleasant Hill Community School in celebrating its 100th anniversary. In September 1914 the first students arrived at Pleasant Hill School. The original school was a two-room schoolhouse and the current school building was opened for students in 1929.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honour to take part in the centennial year celebration and welcome back powwow on September 10th. As always, the powwow was a beautiful, powerful event. As well as the powwow, the school, in coordination with the school division's First Nations, Inuit, and Métis education unit, hosted school tours and a special program. The students also got to take part in a fun-packed day of activities.

Pleasant Hill School offers great programming such as Cree language classes, Métis jigging, and powwow dance troops, but renovations are long overdue. Mr. Speaker, the school needs \$11 million in renovations to stay functional. Rachel Homeniuk, the Pleasant Hill administrative assistant of 15 years, is one of many with concerns for the school's future. She says, and I quote, "They're building new schools in new areas but I hope they don't forget the old ones. We have a lot to offer at our school."

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join with me in congratulating Pleasant Hill School on 100 years, and that we ensure the people of our older neighbourhoods are also not forgotten as the city continues to grow. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.