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Saskatoon Educator Named Outstanding Principal

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate Bob Shmon, the principal of King George Community School in Saskatoon, for being named one of Canada's outstanding principals by The Learning Partnership. Bob is the only recipient from Saskatchewan to receive this award in 2012.

This award recognizes those who communicate a compelling vision, nurture their staff, engage in their communities, and are advocates of a strong public education system. As part of the award, Bob and 39 other principals from across Canada attended a five-day management course at the Joseph L. Rotman School of Management, to learn strategies to help enhance public education at their school and in their community.

Mr. Speaker, Bob has taught in the public school since 1984, and among his teaching assignments were a great six years at Caswell where we worked together as middle years teachers. Bob says the bonus in coming to King George was, and I quote, "an awesome staff, everyone from the teachers to the administration staff, the nutrition staff, and the building operator. You draw on all their strengths."

Learning remains the number one priority in Bob's mind, as shown by his explanation of a great program taking place at King George. I quote, "We are now in the second year of our comprehensive reading initiative, which is meant to reduce some of the learning disparities that occur between community schools and the non-community schools."

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to join me in congratulating Bob Shmon for his great work as the principal at King George Community School, earning him the recognition as one of Canada's outstanding principals.

Thank you.