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## News Release

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### ***South Slave Parents, Homework Help is on the Way!***

***SSDEC is Proud to Launch Help, It's Homework Time: Parent Handbook***

Fort Smith, NT - Hugo the Homework Hero and the South Slave Divisional Education Council's Homework and Study Skills Committee have come to the rescue with the publication of a new homework handbook for parents, titled Help, It's Homework Time: Parent Handbook. The handbook was officially launched at the SSDEC's annual staff in-service recently held in Hay River. Parents can look forward to receiving their own copy of this valuable resource when it is released in all South Slave schools in early September.

Did you know that a parent's attitude toward learning is the greatest influence on how successful a student will be as a learner? This sentiment is validated by Brent Kaulback, SSDEC Program Coordinator, who notes, "Studies from our own region suggest that students have a much better chance of achieving school success if homework is a regular routine supported and encouraged by parents. Of the grades 4-6 students who did assigned homework more than 80% of the time, over 95% of those students achieved the curriculum outcomes for the grade and were promoted to the next grade. Conversely, of those students who did their homework less than 50% of the time, only 30% achieved the grade level expectations."

Marnie Villeneuve, teacher at PWK High School in Fort Smith and a Homework and Study Skills Committee member, believes the handbook will be extremely valuable to students and their families. "Our new handbook is designed to provide a wealth of information to assist parents in helping their students. This resource includes hints for parents, sample homework timetables and homework strategies for students."

The Parent Homework Handbook is one of many homework and study skills resources developed by the SSDEC Homework and Study Skills Committee available in South Slave schools. Please visit a South Slave school in your community for more details.

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