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Premier Invites Public to Celebrate the Season at the Legislative Building

Premier Greg Selinger is inviting the public to join member of the legislative assembly at the province's annual open house at the Legislative Building on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Between 1 and 3 p.m., Manitobans' representatives will be in their offices to greet their constituents. The Blue Room, the lieutenant-governor's formal reception room, will be open for viewing and the government caucus room, the opposition caucus room, the Liberal office, the Legislative Reading Room and the clerk of the legislative assembly's office will be open to visitors.

There will be fun for children of all ages in the activity centre in Room 254 from 1 to 3 p.m. Children accompanied by an adult can have their face painted or find their inner artist with crafts and colouring from Art City all afternoon. Lightbulb the clown will perform from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. and magicians Zack and Jenn are sure to amaze from 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. At 1:30 p.m., a special guest from the North Pole will make an appearance on the Grand Staircase.

Musical performances featuring choirs from École St. Avila and Strathmillan, Niji Mahkwa, Ryerson Elementary and John de Graff Elementary schools will take place on the Grand Staircase while the Air Command Band and VoxAir vocal quartet will be performing as wandering carollers. A long-standing tradition will see the new Speaker of the legislature Daryl Reid lead a choir of MLAs.

Complimentary festive-season photos will be taken in the Rotunda from 1 to 3 p.m. and those who attend the open house are asked to bring along a non-perishable food item or unwrapped toy for the Christmas Cheer Board.

Donations of gently used children's winter coats, pants, boots, hats and mittens will also be accepted as part of the Koats for Kids program.

"Manitobans are known for their generous spirit and helping their fellow citizens anytime of the year. I know we can also help those who don't have everything they may need this holiday season," said Selinger. "The annual open house is a wonderful tradition and one of the favourite days for all members of the legislature. My colleagues and I look forward to greeting the public and embracing the spirit of the season."