



# Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

*Excellence for Every Learner*

## Board Highlights

August 29, 2022

### Welcome Back Staff and Families

At its regular meeting on August 29, 2022, the Board conveyed its anticipation for the new school year and extended its welcome to new and returning students, staff and families. Trustees commended the staff for ensuring schools are safe, welcoming spaces where learning is the focus and thanked parents who consistently support their children and schools.

### Additional Funding Allocation (Inflationary costs)

On July 21st, 2022 Board Chair, Barry Hollick, received a letter from the ministry announcing the release of additional funds to help school divisions across the province cope with rising inflation costs. Saskatchewan Rivers will receive \$956,200 of the one time 20 million dollar investment. CFO Jerrold Pidborochynski presented a plan in which the majority of these funds will help ease the burden of the rising cost of diesel fuel, and increased insurance costs for the division. The funding is also able to support our school staff in supporting student learning as we come out of the last few years of disrupted learning. The board expressed gratitude that a small portion is going towards substitute teacher costs to allow staff to assess students, and plan for the unfinished learning caused by the pandemic.

### HR Report Highlights

Superintendent Neil Finch presented the annual Human Resources Accountability Report. In his report it was noted that there was a modest turnover of teaching staff this year of 5.9%, and that the division has 6.5 more teaching positions in total this year. Finch celebrates the relationship the division has built with the CUPE union over the years, and hopes to continue to strengthen this moving forward. Highlighted challenges include ensuring staffing budgets align with the increasing complexity of our student population in our classrooms, and maintenance of adequate sub lists for all positions in the division in the event of staff absences. The report spotlights the professionalism, and resilience of our staff over the past few years as the Board navigated the pandemic together with staff.

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