



# Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

*Excellence for Every Learner*

## Board Highlights

November 20, 2023

### SRPSD Board Joint Resolution Passes at SSBA Annual General Meeting

The Board put forth a joint resolution with Saskatoon Public Schools to request the Ministry of Education fund full day every day kindergarten programming for students, and revisit the mandatory age to begin schooling as a commitment to improved early education outcomes. The Provincial Education Plan lays out priorities for education in the province of Saskatchewan to 2030. It makes commitments relative to early learning, but does not commit to a strategic shift towards implementing universal, province-wide, all-day, every day kindergarten over the duration of the plan. The Board hopes this resolution will compel other boards and government to consider the benefits and potential positive impacts of a universal, full time Kindergarten program on student achievement in Saskatchewan. The resolution passed with 81.82% support from SSBA members.

### Saskatchewan Rivers Students For Change

The SRSC has been busy this fall. The student executive organized their second meeting of the year and spent the morning developing trust as a team, and diving into some professional development on Adult Allyship led by consultant Patricia Bibby. The group was excited to learn about healthy ways for youth and adults to work together to promote positive changes in their school communities. In the afternoon, they led a session sharing the best practices for their school student leadership groups, and celebrated the successes of their fall school activities. The day ended with the executive group leading table discussions around consent education and to bring back information for the Board around the need and scope of consent education in our division.

### Fall Pipe Ceremony and Feast

The Board hosted a Fall Pipe Ceremony and Feast to feed the drums in St. Louis Public School on November 20th. The staff and students at St. Louis were incredible hosts for the ceremony led by Elder Liz Settee. Following the ceremony, the Board met with the Elders Council and committed to continuing to strengthen work in land based learning, and Indigenous perspectives in the division. As a part of this work, the Board released the schedule of Land Acknowledgements for regular Board meetings this year. Trustees now have the opportunity to provide their own personal Land Acknowledgement at a meeting as their personal commitment to truth and reconciliation.

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