



# Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

*Excellence for Every Learner*

*January 15, 2024*

## **Board Highlights**

### **Board Passes Motion to Support Bill C-322**

Recently the Board received a request from the SSBA to consider supporting Bill C-322, a federal bill, National Framework for a School Food Program. The Board passes a motion in support of this bill and will be sending a letter on behalf of the Board to our Members of Parliament in support. The SRPSD Board fully supports the concept of a universal national school food policy and program for all public schools that can help ensure all children have the nourishment they need to learn and grow.

### **Minister Cockrill Visits SRPSD**

Minister Cockrill visited SRPSD on Monday, January 15th, 2024. The Minister and his team spent part of the morning touring Riverside Public School as they were interested to see our schools in session. The Board was excited to host the Minister, and is proud that the work Principal Leanne Tretiak and her team at Riverside could be showcased at this level. The Board had further opportunity to discuss the unique community perspectives of our SRPSD schools, and families following the school tour. The Board thanks Minister Cockrill for his time, and is looking forward to additional opportunities to have conversations about the work being done in SRPSD for our students.

### **Equity, Diversity and Inclusive Education Report & Mental Health Capacity Building in SRPSD**

Superintendent Tom Michaud presented the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Accountability Report to the Board. This report outlines work being done in the areas of supports for students with complex needs, gender and sexual diversity, and mental health in SRPSD. To highlight work being done in Mental Health Capacity Building, Consultant Kelly Gerhardt, and Mental Health Capacity Building Coordinator Regan Jacobsen presented to the Board. This presentation outlined work being done with the implementation of our Safe and Connected Classrooms model to build capacity of staff and students to develop an understanding of mental health, and the means to address personal mental health issues. This work involves engaging whole school wellness activities, classroom-based supports and small group interventions.

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