



# Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

*Excellence for Every Learner*

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## **Board Highlights**

### **Spring Pipe Ceremony Hosted at Vincent Massey Public School**

SRPSD's spring Pipe Ceremony was held on May 13th at Vincent Massey Public School. The ceremony was led by Elder Liz Sette and Elder Curtis Breaton. Both Elders shared teachings about spring being the time of renewal and welcoming change, before raising their pipes. In their debrief about the ceremony later that day, the Board recognized the growth in attendance in the seasonal ceremonies, and the importance of them to our school communities and beyond. The Board is humbled to support this work and expressed gratitude to the Elders, and our Indigenous Perspectives team for their commitment to ensuring the seasonal ceremonies continue to grow.

### **New Volunteerism 30 Credit Administrative Procedure Created**

A new administrative procedure that recognizes the value of volunteering was created. Volunteerism enhances the well-being of self and others while providing meaningful service to the individual, organization and community. The procedure outlines how high school students can work with their school to complete a volunteerism plan before they embark on their volunteer work and shares the process of how the Volunteerism 30 credit can be attained using the provincial Volunteerism Policy document. This is an exciting step forward in being able to acknowledge the hard work and hours students put into their communities as volunteers.

### **2024/25 Budget**

The Board was presented with the 2024-2025 budget. CFO Jerrold Pidborochynski walked the Board through the celebrations and challenges of this budget. The Board was pleased to see that their advocacy for funding proved successful as the budget was able to address the demands of inflationary costs next year. The challenge of this budget comes with a projected decrease in enrollment. With fewer students expected in schools, the division will receive less funding. The Board used its Strategic Plan as the guiding principle in developing a budget that focuses on maintaining support for our students and our schools. The Board will continue to advocate for funding that addresses the unique complexities of our community.

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