

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS May 12, 2025

**Board Hosts Spring Pipe Ceremony and Farewell to Liz Settee** 

SRPSD's Spring Pipe Ceremony was held on May 12th at King George Public School. The ceremony was led by Elder Suzy Bear. Following the ceremony, the Board met with the Elders Council and the group remarked at how the number of students participating in pipe ceremonies is growing as well as the comfort level of the participants. The Board took time in the meeting to honor the 15 years Liz Settee has worked with the division helping to guide and set direction in uplifting Indigenous Education as well as bringing Indigenous teaching to our schools. Liz believes that the youth are our future, and they will change the world. The Board thanks Liz for all the ways she has changed and improved SRPSD over the last 15 years.

## Cree language transportation offered in 2025/2026 School Year

The Board has arranged for a city bus route to provide transportation for students from anywhere within the City of Prince Albert to attend the Cree Language Program at John Diefenbaker Public School. Administration has been directed to establish criteria to ensure that enrollment does not exceed the program's maximum capacity. The Board is pleased to offer this service, and look forward to the benefits of it in the future.

## Board Development / Advocacy Plans Reflection from 2024/2025

The Board revamped their development plan to directly align with the Strategic Plan, looking at all 5 areas of the plan over the four year term of the Board. This year the Board focused their development work on Governance and Leadership, as well as, Learning and Innovation. In 2024/25 board members took part in several learning opportunities including New Trustee Orientation, SSBA events, LAFOIP Training, Land-Based Learning, and Governance Training.

The Board successfully completed most of the actions and strategies outlined in its Advocacy Plan for 2024/2025. Key efforts included engagement with our MLAs and Premier Moe, rural taxing authorities, School Community Councils (SCCs), and the Elders Council. Moving forward, the Board will continue to explore diverse approaches to advocacy, with the goal of sustaining current funding levels.

The Board hopes this brief update can provide information and promote communication. If you want further details about the Board and its meetings, you can find information at this under the "About Us" Tab at <u>www.srsd119.ca</u>. You are also encouraged to contact your local trustee.

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