

# Media Release



**Saskatoon Public Schools**  
Inspiring Learning

## **August 24, 2010 – It’s back to school for public school staff**

Over 2,400 staff at Saskatoon Public Schools are ready to welcome back over 20,000 students as the 2010-2011 school year kicks off. **Gathering at TCU Place on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**, for their school opening celebration, staff are greeting one another after the summer break and catching the enthusiasm that inspires them as they begin their year.

“The theme of this year’s celebration is *I belong at Saskatoon Public Schools*,” says Ray Morrison, Chair of the Saskatoon Board of Education. “What sets our school division apart is the fact that we welcome and celebrate students from all cultures and all faiths. People of all faiths and beliefs can attend our schools, teach in our schools, vote for our trustees, and serve on our Board.”

What’s new at Saskatoon Public Schools this year?

- Full Day, Every Day, Literacy Enhanced Kindergarten added to Caroline Robins Community School, Confederation Park Community School (in their English kindergarten program and in their Nêhiyâwiwin Cree Language and Culture Program) and Queen Elizabeth School. This addition means thirteen public schools, or 25% of public elementary schools are offering full day every day kindergarten.
- Bedford Road Collegiate is the first School in Saskatoon to offer the prestigious International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.
- The grand opening of the Saskatoon Trades and Skills Centre takes place at Mount Royal Collegiate in October.
- Significant increases to technology to improve the wireless network in schools, software and hardware support for computer-based practical and applied arts programs; English as an Additional Language programs; and special education technology.

Saskatoon Public Schools expects a modest increase in students this year. “We are so pleased to welcome the many new immigrants and their families coming to Saskatoon. Their cultures and faiths enrich our school division and our city,” says Morrison. Learn more at [www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca)

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