

News Release

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SPS Board Approves Sale of Pleasant Hill School

Saskatoon Public Schools has accepted an offer from the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement to purchase Pleasant Hill School. The school will close at the end of June 2023.

"We know that the closure of the school is happening much sooner than anticipated but the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement has identified Pleasant Hill School as the ideal site for potential future projects within the community," said Saskatoon Public Schools Board Chair Colleen MacPherson. "Although the future of the site is SaskBuilds' announcement to make, SPS would not sell this property two years early and without a public tender process unless we were assured that it would be used as a significant asset for the community's benefit for many years to come."

In March 2020, a new school was approved by the provincial government for Saskatoon city centre. This new school will allow for students from Princess Alexandra, King George and Pleasant Hill schools to learn and grow in a new facility that has been designed with state-of-the-art educational amenities. Pleasant Hill students will be transported to King George School next year and teaching and support staff at Pleasant Hill will be transferred to other schools or provided other opportunities within the division. This will give students from both schools the opportunity to build relationships and foster their school community ahead of moving into the new school in city centre.

"The division will help our school community prepare for their last year at Pleasant Hill School," said MacPherson. "From now until June, we will be taking numerous opportunities to celebrate with past and present, students, staff and community members that have been part of this great school's history."

Saskatoon Public Schools is the largest school division in the province. We operate 47 elementary schools, 10 collegiates, one k-12 school, one associate school and one alliance school. We serve more than 27,000 students and employ upwards of 2,600 professional and support staff. Learn more at <u>www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca</u>.

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