

## EVERY STUDENT IS

- Known
- Valued
- Believed In



Saskatoon  
Public Schools

October 13, 2021

## FROM THE BOARD TABLE

### Outreach workers help students reconnect with their learning

The creation of six outreach worker positions designed to support staff in re-engaging students and supporting student mental health was highlighted during the Celebrating Excellence portion of the Board of Education's Oct. 12 meeting.

The primary work of an outreach worker is to reconnect with families and to support school staff and the community. Once a relationship with the student and family is established, outreach workers help students with registration and continue to support students so they remain positively engaged with school. This support is evident in the number of students who had inconsistent attendance during 2020-21 but are registered for school this year, and in the stories of how the reconnection has a positive impact on both students and staff.


Other meeting highlights included:

- Enrolment numbers as of Sept. 30 show 25,777 students registered with the school division, an increase of 497 students over 2020-21. The addition of 479 prekindergarten students means a total enrolment of 26,256. There are 16,993 students registered in kindergarten to Grade 8 and 8,784 students in Grade 9-12. The division has 450 elementary students registered for full-time online learning this year compared to more than 2,200 last year.
- Trustees received an update on student learning results for grades 9-12. The targets are consistent growth in attendance, credit attainment, and graduation rates in comparison to provincial data. The on-time graduation rate for Saskatoon Public Schools' students during the 2020-21 school year was 78 per cent, compared to 79 per cent provincially. The five-year or "extended time" graduation rate was 84 per cent.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca](https://saskatoonpublicschools.ca). The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. Please contact [Estelle Allington](mailto:Estelle.Allington@spsd.sk.ca), executive assistant to the Board of Education, to request a link to the virtual meeting.

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## Help Students Make Music

Saskatoon Public Schools gratefully accepts donations of gently used instruments such as flutes, clarinets, trumpets, trombones, or saxophones for elementary and secondary band programs.

To donate, contact the band teacher at your child's school. Tax receipts are issued upon request if the instrument's value is assessed at more than \$100.

For information contact Tracy at [johnsonthe@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:johnsonthe@spsd.sk.ca).



## SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

### Did you know ...

... the main duty of the board is to provide strategic and financial direction for the school division.

... at the board table, trustees represent individual wards within the school division and speak to the issues and concerns of their ward but must always act in the best interest of the division.

... individual trustees have no power or authority; that rests in the collective decision-making of the board.

... trustees advocate on behalf of students and families particularly with the provincial government, which funds education in our province.

If you have questions about the work of the board, contact your trustee.

# Office 365

## Did you know?

All students at Saskatoon Public Schools have an Office 365 account that includes 5 free downloads of Office for their home devices.

### Office 365 Includes:



and more...

## Instructions

Go to [Office.com](https://www.office.com)

Sign in with:

USERNAME: studentnumber@sps-student.sk.ca

PASSWORD: same password that students use to log in to school computers

Click on Install Office button (top right corner) and follow the prompts.



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Inspiring Learning

## IMPORTANT DATES

**NOVEMBER 8** Turnaround Day  
– Secondary students DO NOT ATTEND

**NOVEMBER 16** Saskatoon Board of Education  
Inaugural Meeting

**NOVEMBER 11** Remembrance Day Holiday

**NOVEMBER 12** No school – Students DO NOT ATTEND

**NOVEMBER 22** PD Day – Elementary students DO NOT ATTEND

**NOVEMBER 23** Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting