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Division releases internal report into student death

Saskatoon Public Schools has released its internal report into the death of Ahmedsadiq Elmami.

Ahmed was a five-year-old Kindergarten student at École Dundonald School. On September 11, 2017, he was found unresponsive in a storm pond near the school after going missing during recess. The Office of the Chief Coroner has determined his death was accidental.

Following the tragedy, the school division undertook an investigation of all internal processes and procedures related to the accident. Superintendent of Human Resources Jaime Valentine conducted the investigation and completed the report, which is available on the school division's [website](#).

"The goal of this investigation is to strengthen our practices and procedures to ensure we are doing everything we can to take care of our students," said Valentine.

The report included eight recommendations intended to build on current practices in schools and provide consistency across the school division. The recommendations include:

- developing a safety plan template for use with critical intensive support students;
- consideration for delayed or graduated introduction to school until the safety plan is fully implemented;
- providing alternate recess time for Kindergarten students until they are acclimatized to the school;
- specific planning and additional safety considerations for students who have a tendency to run from staff;
- sharing with all staff the safety plan and photo for any student who is a 'runner';
- options for controlling egress from the classroom with a student who is a 'runner';
- ensuring continuity of care for critical intensive support students with regular staff is absent; and
- consultation with the City of Saskatoon regarding all future planning and design options for park areas adjacent to schools.

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