

News Release

Inclusion Saskatchewan names Buena Vista 'Inclusive School of Year'

For immediate release: June 12, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Inclusion Saskatchewan – whose mission is to build and inspire an inclusive Saskatchewan by empowering and valuing people with intellectual disabilities – has named <u>Buena Vista</u> School 2025 Inclusive School of the Year.

Inclusion Saskatchewan called Buena Vista School "a shining example of what it means to create an environment where every student can thrive, no matter their background or abilities".

Buena Vista School has developed an innovative nature-based learning program that integrates sensory and experiential learning. This approach makes the core curriculum more accessible and engaging. By embracing the outdoors, the school creates a learning environment that is both inclusive and dynamic. But what Inclusion Saskatchewan said truly sets Buena Vista apart is their staff's commitment.

Shane Skjerven, Director Education, says: "It is so heartwarming for me as director to be part of a school division where we truly value inclusivity. We know that our school teams and communities are doing a tremendous job to make all our students feel known, valued and believed in."

Marnie Ross, Superintendent of Buena Vista School, says: "Thank you so much to the staff for all of their amazing work, and to Inclusion Saskatchewan for recognizing the important work that Buena Vista does every day."

Andrea Woods-Fehr, Coordinator of Special Education Learning Supports, says: "Buena Vista has been a great example of inclusion in action, and we are so proud of their work in welcoming all learners at their school."

Inclusion Saskatchewan held a banquet in Regina on June 7 to present the award.

Media Contact: Colleen Cameron

CameronC@spsd.sk.ca