

# At Saskatoon Public Schools every student is **Known • Valued • Believed In**



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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers:

At Saskatoon Public Schools, our vision is that every student is known, valued and believed in. We are focused on helping students achieve four goals: Academic Excellence, Character, Engagement, and Well-being. We are committed to creating learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential.

To fulfill this commitment to students, we are focused on fostering caring and supportive relationships, honouring diversity, creating welcoming and joyful spaces, and developing community partnerships. Students thrive in school environments that are safe, caring, and accepting places for all. We work with families and community partners to provide the supports young people require to be healthy and happy.

Every day we model appropriate behaviour and reinforce positive choices. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their behaviours and to accept the consequences of their actions. As part of our **Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools Strategy** it is important for you to know that we will respond to student behaviours that pose a potential risk to the health and well-being of other students, staff, and community members. When students behave inappropriately, administrators use progressive discipline to help students take responsibility for their actions, change their behaviour, and learn from their mistakes.

We proudly collaborated with several community organizations to develop the Saskatoon and area Community Threat Assessment and Support Protocol launched in August 2011. This document enables community partners to proactively share information and advice and to use their broad range of expertise to provide the appropriate supports to our youth and their families. Each of our schools has a team that includes the principal/vice principal, school counsellor, and Saskatoon Police Service school resource officer to work with the protocol. To learn more, visit our website at [www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca) (look under Division Information/Safe, Caring and Accepting Schools). Your school principal will be happy to answer any questions you may have about this process.

We are committed to providing learning environments where all students feel welcomed and included.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brent Hills in black ink.

Brent Hills  
Deputy Director of Education

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Charlene Scrimshaw  
Deputy Director of Education

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Inspiring Learning

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