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Saskatoon
Public Schools

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FROM THE BOARD TABLE

School division supporting families to meet nutritional needs of students

The work done by Saskatoon Public Schools and community partners to ensure the nutritional needs of students and families are being met during school closures was highlighted during the Board of Education's meeting held June 2. Food security is an issue for many students and families. The school division has been engaged in several initiatives since the closure of schools on March 20 including:

- **Mount Royal Collegiate Food Preparation:** The Saskatoon Tribal Council (STC) and Saskatoon Public Schools are providing 300 to 800 meals per day for families in need. Cafeteria workers, nutrition workers, community school coordinators, and educational assistants are preparing the meals in the kitchens of Mount Royal Collegiate. A recent donation will allow the program to operate until the end of June.
- **School-Based Nutrition Budgets:** Continuing to support vulnerable families through school-based budgets by providing nutritional food items to those who need support. School-based administrators, teachers, and community school coordinators continue to reach out to families.
- **Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation:** The foundation initiated the Cheer Crate campaign and assembled more than 500 crates containing food and other items that were delivered to families May 12. Another round of crates will be delivered in mid-June.
- **CHEP Good Food Inc.:** As a temporary measure CHEP initially assembled bagged lunches and delivered them to distribution points for community school families to access. CHEP has since shifted to packing food boxes with the delivery of 495 food boxes to 400 families once per week.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, June 16, 2020. Requirements that limit the size of public gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic mean the Board of Education will hold its meetings electronically until further notice. Meetings are recorded and audio is available upon request following the meeting by emailing spsdinfo@spsd.sk.ca.

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