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Saskatoon
Public Schools

October 21, 2020

FROM THE BOARD TABLE

School division enrolment impacted by COVID-19

Saskatoon Public Schools reported a decline in division-wide enrolment as of Sept. 30, with the COVID-19 pandemic having a significant effect on overall enrolment, trustees were told during the Oct. 20 meeting of the Board of Education.

The school division's kindergarten to Grade 12 student enrolment is 25,280 as of Sept. 30. This marks an enrolment decrease of 528 students since September 2019.

There were 16,927 elementary students enrolled as of Sept. 30, a decline of about 200 from the previous year. High school enrolment was 8,535, a reduction of approximately 300 students when compared to 2019. There were 1,837 students enrolled in kindergarten, a small decrease of 87 students.

Class sizes were reduced in elementary schools as a result of the temporary redeployment of band teachers and online teachers having embedded prep time in their schedules. In grades 9-12, there are a small number of large class sizes in the first learning term. Administration continues to monitor this situation and will be responsive on reducing large class sizes in the upcoming learning term.

The Celebrating Excellence portion of the board meeting highlighted the role played by Facilities staff in ensuring a safe and successful reopening of schools amid the COVID-19 pandemic. There were significant contributions by the departments of contract services, maintenance, and operations. Staff collaborated and problem solved various scenarios to ensure renovation projects and school alterations were completed on time. A safe return for students and staff and was the top priority and the hard work of Facilities staff were appreciated by school-based and central office staffs.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at saskatoonpublicschools.ca. The next meeting of the Board of Education is its inaugural meeting on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. The next regular board meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2020. Members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. If you plan to attend a meeting, please contact the [Executive Assistant to the Board of Education](#) to request the link to the virtual meeting.

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DRESSING FOR WINTER

□ leggings or long underwear



□ socks



□ more socks



□ long pants



□ long sleeve shirt



□ sweater / sweatshirt



□ ski pants



□ jacket with hood



□ toque



□ scarf or neck tube



□ mitts



□ winter boots



VIRTUAL Trustee Candidate Forums

An election will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 to elect trustees to the Saskatoon Board of Education.

Members of the public are invited to attend the virtual forum for their ward to hear the trustee candidates outline their election platforms.

Forums will be held:

Ward 2 – Monday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.

Ward 4 – Monday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

Ward 6 – Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

Ward 8 – Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

Ward 9 – Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.

Ward 10 – Thursday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

No forums will be held in Wards 1, 3, 5 and 7 because the single nominated candidate in each was acclaimed.

To attend a virtual forum, send an email to trusteeforums@spsd.sk.ca identifying the forum you would like to attend. A link to the online forum will be forwarded to you prior to the event.

Questions for the candidates must be submitted prior to the forum. If you have a question for the candidates, please submit it with your request to attend the forum.



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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 26 PD / Planning Day—Students DO NOT ATTEND

NOVEMBER 8 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 9 PD / Planning Day—Elementary Students DO NOT ATTEND

NOVEMBER 11 Remembrance Day Holiday

NOVEMBER 16 Saskatoon Board of Education Inaugural Meeting 1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 23 Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting 5 p.m.

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A SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' MOVEMENT



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Hey Parents and Caregivers! Your children have earned an **A+** for keeping our schools safe. But we need your help!

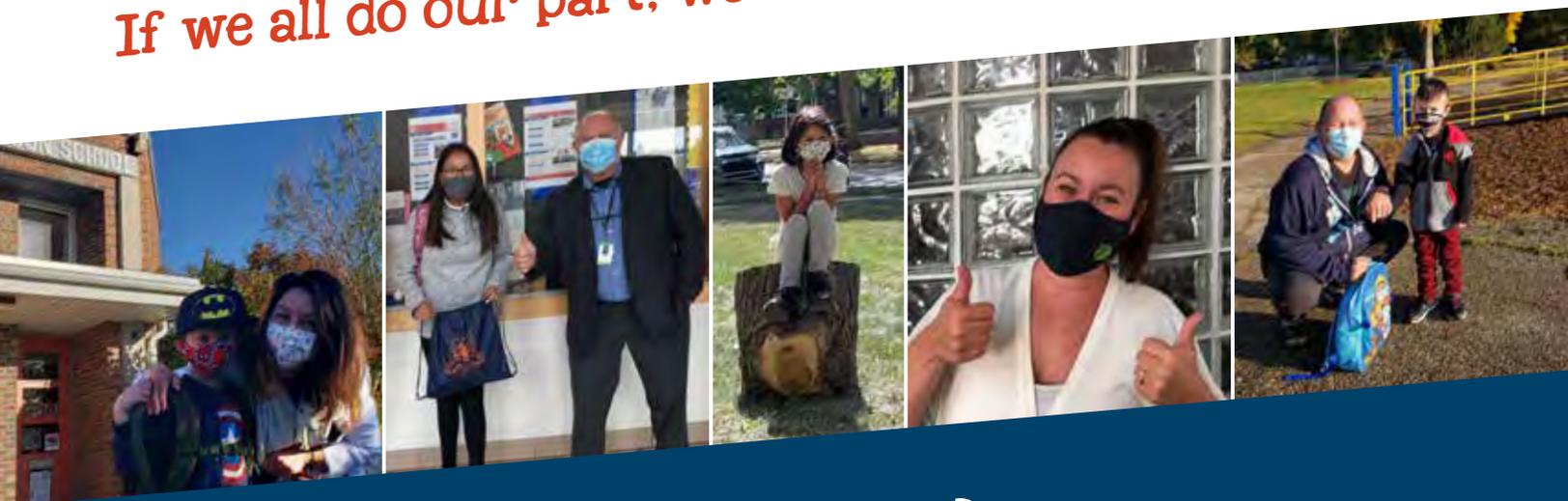
Healthy schools are only possible when we have a healthy community.

How can you help?

- WEARING A MASK is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please join us by wearing a mask when you're on school property interacting with students and staff members.
- HAVE A PLAN in case your child gets sick at school. The sooner your child can be picked up and taken care of, the safer it is for everyone.
- HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY? Do a quick check for symptoms before sending your child to school.
- PREVENTATIVE MEASURES like physical distancing and avoiding big groups helps keep you and others healthy.
- If your child has cold or flu symptoms—even if they have a negative COVID test—please keep them home until they are symptom-free for 48 hours.

Help us take care of one another.

If we all do our part, we can keep our schools safe.



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