

## EVERY STUDENT IS

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Saskatoon  
Public Schools

December 8, 2021

## FROM THE BOARD TABLE

### Bravery of staff, students recognized at Board of Education meeting

The quick reaction to keep students safe when a moose crashed into Sylvia Fedoruk School was recognized during the Dec.7 meeting of the Saskatoon Board of Education.

Two staff members of the Boys & Girls Club of Saskatoon ensured students were able to exit the building after the moose burst through a window just before 9 a.m. on Nov. 4. School staff members in a nearby classroom then quickly opened an outside door and brought everyone inside to a safe place. Thanks to the quick thinking and actions of the staff no one was seriously hurt—only one bandage was required.

The story was shared with trustees by school administrators, along with one of the students who was present on that day and the student's parent.

Other meeting highlights included:

- The division's Human Resources department reports that as of Sept. 30, 2021, the school division has 1,574.64 FTE (full-time equivalent) employees on regular, replacement, and temporary contracts. That compares to 1,687.53 FTEs the previous year.
- Trustees were updated on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As of Dec. 7, 96 per cent of permanent, temporary, and substitute employees have been verified as fully vaccinated under the division's administrative procedure. As of Dec. 7, the school division had been notified of 319 cases this school year. Only one school remains in outbreak status. All classrooms that were temporarily providing remote learning have returned to in-class learning.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca](https://saskatoonpublicschools.ca). The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022. Members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. Please contact [Estelle Allington](#), executive assistant to the Board of Education, to request a link to the virtual meeting.

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## Student-Designed Pink Shirt Day T-Shirts

Saskatoon Public Schools will be recognizing Pink Shirt Day on February 16, 2022. Pink Shirt Day is a time to celebrate the work that schools and communities do all year long to create healthy and respectful relationships.

This year, we are selling pink shirts featuring a design by Ava Gee, a Grade 8 student from École Lakeview School.

T-shirts are available for purchase to all students, staff members and families in our school division. Shirts are \$10.65 for youth and \$22.20 for adults (plus taxes).

### TO ORDER

Visit [www.SPSDstore.com](http://www.SPSDstore.com)

The deadline for orders is  
**Friday, December 17.**

Orders will be delivered to schools and distributed in the new year prior to Pink Shirt Day.



## ELEMENTARY FAMILIES!

Saskatoon Public Schools' Online Learning Elementary offers kindergarten to Grade 8 learning in English and French immersion for families who choose online or at-home learning for their student.

If you want your child to return to in-school classes this school year, or believe a move to online learning is best, now is the only time to make the move.

**The deadline to request a transfer is Friday, Jan. 7, 2022.**

Contact your current principal by Jan. 7 to make a transfer request. Students will join their new classrooms on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022.

For more information, visit  
[saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://saskatoonpublicschools.ca)



## IMPORTANT DATES

- DECEMBER 17** Final day of classes for all students before Christmas break
- JANUARY 4** Classes resume for all students
- JANUARY 7** Deadline to request a transfer between elementary online and in-person learning
- JANUARY 11** Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting
- JANUARY 17** PD Day—Elementary students DO NOT ATTEND
- JANUARY 31** Turnaround Day  
—Secondary students DO NOT ATTEND

# 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



## STAY TUNED

Our schools will hold **Virtual Kindergarten Open Houses** in March. Until then, learn more about our Kindergarten program by visiting the Saskatoon Public Schools website.

There will be more opportunities to learn about Kindergarten in the new year. If you have questions or would like to register for September 2022, please contact your neighbourhood school.

[saskatoonpublicschools.ca/kindergarten](https://saskatoonpublicschools.ca/kindergarten)



## SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

**Q:** How are the budget reductions made for 2021-22 academic year affecting schools?

- There is a slight increase in some class sizes. We have worked to protect smaller schools from significant impacts.
- Due to the loss of some Central Office positions, there are fewer supports available to schools, including curriculum staff.
- Principals are carefully managing reduced school budgets.

If you have questions about the work of the board, contact your trustee.

**#MOVE2GROW**  
A SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' MOVEMENT

