

2026 SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Connections

Sheraton Cavalier Hotel - Saskatoon



THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:30 a.m. Board Chair Council (South West)
SSBA Executive and Boards Chairs or designate only
- 12:30 p.m. Registration Desk Opens (Conference Foyer)
- 1:00 p.m. Public Section (Centre East)
Catholic Section (South West)
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Keynote: Why Indigenous Education is not the right thing to do...it's the only thing to do - Niigaan James Sinclair
- 4:15 p.m. Recess – Supper on own
- 7:00 p.m. Registration Desk re-opens (Conference Foyer)
- 7:30 p.m. Welcome – President Shawn Davidson
- 7:35 p.m. Greetings – Education Legislative Secretary, MLA Barret Kropf
- 7:40 p.m. President's Address – Shawn Davidson
Executive Director's Address – Darren McKee
- 8:00 p.m. Development of a Provincial Northern/Rural/Remote Education Strategy: An Interim Report - SELU
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn – Social (West/Centre/East)

Smudging:

Smudging is a tradition observed by many Indigenous cultures which involves the use of one or more medicines gathered from the earth. Indigenous Peoples in Saskatchewan generally use sweetgrass, sages, cedars, and other plants for smudging. To smudge is an act of purifying the mind and physical surroundings. Smudging provides an opportunity for people to stop, slow down, and become mindful and centered. This allows people to remember, connect and be grounded in the event, task, or purpose at hand. Everyone is invited to attend the smudging.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens (Conference Foyer)
- 7:30 a.m. Smudging (West)
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (Centre East)
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome – President, Shawn Davidson
- 9:00 a.m. Provincial Education Plan Update
- 9:45 a.m. Equitable Education for Students with Reading Disabilities – Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Networking Groups (see second page for meeting rooms)
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet
- 12:45 p.m. Choice of Session:
 - Municipal Employees Pension Plan: An Overview – Plannera (Centre East)
 - Learning From Each Other (South) (see second page for instructions) (South)
- 1:45 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. Board Member Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest – Jill Welke, Ted Amendt, and SSBA Legal Services
- 3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks / Spring General Assembly Concludes

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SOUTHERN (South)

Chairs: Lisa Grudnizki
Jerome Niezgodna

- Chinook SD
- Christ the Teacher RCSSD
- Good Spirit SD
- Holy Family RCSSD
- Holy Trinity RCSSD
- Prairie South SD
- Prairie Valley SD
- South East Cornerstone SD
- Sun West SD

CENTRAL (Centre East)

Chairs: Ronna Pethick
Élizabeth Perreault

- Conseil de écoles
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- Horizon SD
- Light of Christ RCSSD
- Living Sky SD
- North East SD
- Northwest SD
- Prairie Spirit SD
- Prince Albert RCSSD
- Saskatchewan Rivers SD

NORTHERN (West)

Chairs: Kimberly Greyeyes
Nathan Favel

- Creighton SD
- Ile a la Crosse SD
- Northern Lights SD

URBAN (Starlight)

Chairs: Lori Kidney
Donna Banks

- Greater Saskatoon RCSSD
- Lloydminster RCSSD
- Lloydminster SD
- Regina RCSSD
- Regina SD
- Saskatoon SD

Learning from Each Other Process/Instructions:

In the room, please mix table groupings so you are seated with members from other boards. At each table will be a list of topics/questions to select from that will prompt discussion and encourage you to share amongst each other your board's process, identified risks, or wonders as it relates to that topic (e.g., how is your board implementing enterprise risk management?, what's your board policy on the board's role in personnel beyond the Director?, what's your board's processes to engage with SCCs and have them provide advice to the board?, how is your board monitoring the implementation of the Indigenous Education Responsibility Framework?, or some other topic of your choosing.) This is a learning from peers session, so engage, be curious and have fun!