

**Student First
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Engagement Process

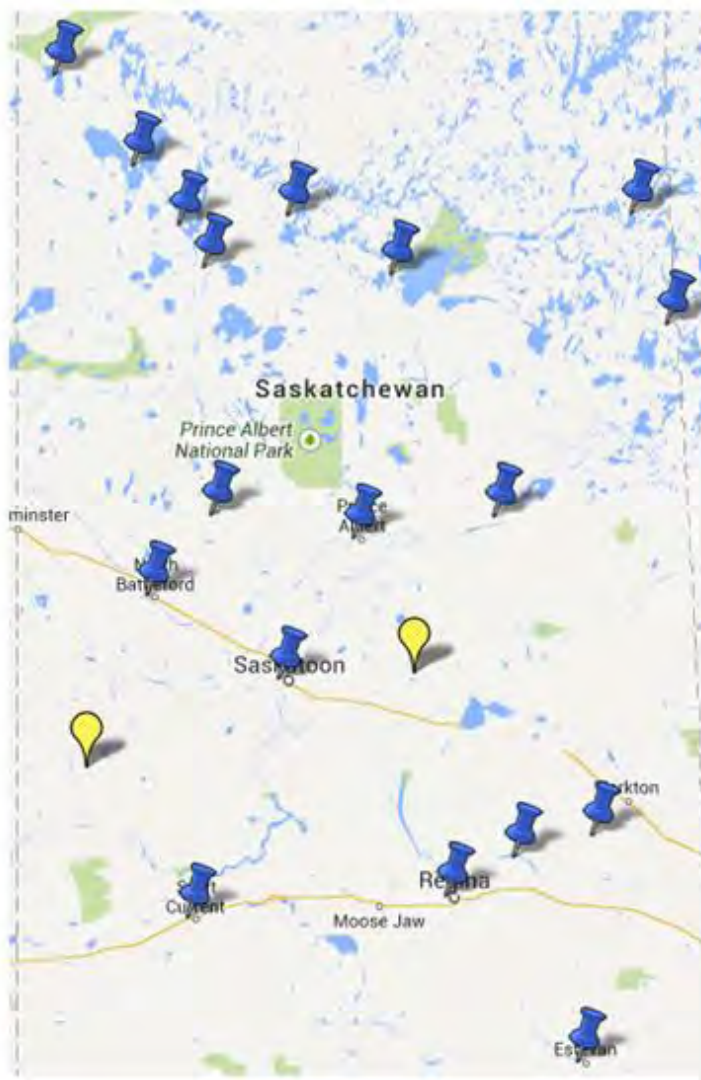
As of April 4, 2014:

- 66 engagements with 535 students/adult learners.
- parents/caregivers, and teachers in 18 locations.
- Small groups: 6-12 participants per session.
- Diverse groups of participants.
- 21 engagements with educational and community organizations.
- Online engagement tool.



Where we have been.



- Regina, SK
- Saskatoon, SK
- Buffalo Narrows, SK
- Île-à-la-Crosse, SK
- Beauval, SK
- Fort Qu'Appelle, SK
- Sandy Bay, SK
- Creighton, SK
- La Ronge, SK
- Swift Current, SK
- Estevan, SK
- Melville, SK
- Nipawin, SK
- Prince Albert, SK
- North Battleford, SK
- Spiritwood, SK
- La Loche, SK
- Pinehouse Lake, SK



Still To Come

- 10 First Nations Schools
- Métis engagements
- Post-secondary organizations
- Rural community
- Others to be confirmed

Verification Sessions

-  Humboldt, SK
-  Kindersley, SK



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Themes and Findings

RELATIONSHIPS

- *“Teachers put a smile on your face when you’re feeling down.”*
(Student quote)
- *“I’ve noticed in the past couple of years my daughter loves school because she connects with teachers.”* (Parent/Caregiver quote)
- *“When I was growing up you wouldn't see any parents in school. Now most parents come to parent-teacher night.”* (Teacher quote)





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Themes and Findings

ENGAGING THE STUDENT/LEARNER

- *When a teacher is not engaged and focused it puts us off.” (Student quote)*
- *Kids in high school have big dreams. We used to have big dreams but no way to make them a reality. Now we can support them (students) to reach their dreams. There’s hope out there for them now.” (Parent/Caregiver quote)*



Themes and Findings

ENGAGING THE STUDENT/LEARNER

- *Student performance is a good indicator of being engaged. If they are doing well and understanding the topic and helping others then they are engaged.” (Teacher quote)*





Themes and Findings

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND STUDENT/TEACHER SUPPORTS

- *“If one student is having a problem, guaranteed five to ten other students are having the same problem.”* (Student quote)
- *“My teacher is more concerned about wanting to make sure we understand, not just the deadline.”* (Student quote)



Themes and Findings

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND STUDENT/TEACHER SUPPORTS

- *(Past experiences with) bullying kept me from coming back to school for a long time.”* (Adult learner quote)
- *We need to put more emphasis on the career pathway. They [students] want choices.”* (Teacher quote)
- *We can get caught up on what has been, instead of what could be.”* (Teacher quote)





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Themes and Findings

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

- *“We have to push ourselves to do well in school. We can’t rely on others to do it for us.”* (Student quote)
- *“Schools can be so much more. They can be the centre of the community.”* (Parent/Caregiver quote)
- *“We need to be involved in education because we are the only ones who can save our children.”* (Parent/Caregiver quote)



Themes and Findings

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

- *Some of these kids are dealing with a lot of things. You come to realize that education is not really high on their priority list. Survival is the biggest thing, education isn't. It is not perceived (by them) as the thing that can help them." (Teacher Quote)*





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Have Your Say

“It takes courage to start a conversation. But, if we don’t start talking to each other, nothing will change. Conversation is the way we discover how to transform our world, together.”

Margaret Wheatley



- Online Engagement Tools
 - Written Submissions
 - Student, Parent/Caregiver, Teacher Surveys, and others
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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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