2023 SSBA ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS WORK PLAN – October 2026 Update

AGM-23-03 BE IT RESOLVED that the SSBA create a working committee to engage member boards in drafting a position statement on School Community Councils, to be brought to the membership for adoption.

Complete - Management lead: Ted Amendt

- Creation of WAG and terms of reference were approved by the Executive in December 2023.
- The WAG held a meeting in February to review existing SSBA Position Statements for relevant context, as well as review a cross-jurisdictional scan of position statements or similar documents from like organizations across Canada. WAG members completed a draft of a proposed SCC Position Statement.
- A proposed SCC Position Statement was shared and the Position Statement 5.3 – School Community Councils, was adopted at 2024 Fall Assembly.

AGM-23-04 BE IT RESOLVED that all affiliate members be subject to membership criteria that maintain clearly established markers, providing a base expectation and accountability that align with the position statements of the SSBA. The criteria for affiliate membership will include:

- Utilizing Saskatchewan curriculum,
- A locally elected board of trustees to govern,
- Public accountability and financial reporting,
- Teachers certified by the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board,
- Adherence to The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code as prescribed under the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Complete - Management leads: Ted Amendt and Jill Welke

- This was added to the Executive Policy Review Committee workplan for 2024 – the committee researched and developed membership criteria policy changes based on the direction provided in the resolution for recommendation to the SSBA Executive.
- The Executive approved policy changes and new policy as per the direction in the resolution. View Executive Policy 2.0 Role of the Executive and 16.0 Membership and Affiliate Membership Criteria online at: https://saskschoolboards.ca/executive/policies/.
- New policy and changes were shared with members and at Board Chairs Council.

AGM-23-05 BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association request that the Minister of Education commit to improving early learning outcomes in Saskatchewan by allocating sufficient resources to fund universal full time Kindergarten across Saskatchewan schools.

Ongoing - Management lead: Ted Amendt

- The resolution has been shared and with raised in meetings and discussions with the Minister of Education, the Ministry of Education and the Official Opposition.
- Advocacy meeting with stakeholder – Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation. Sharing research and opportunities for shared advocacy.

- A Universal Full-Time Kindergarten advocacy one-pager was created to support member boards with ongoing advocacy efforts on this matter and as part of provincial election advocacy.
- Following a survey of our school divisions regarding Full-Time K, our advocacy shifted to focus more broadly on Early Learning Access and Opportunities to allow for the flexibility needed at the local level. Link: https://saskschoolboards.ca/advocacy/advocacy-activity/

AGM-23-06 BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Board Association advocate provincially and nationally with the Canadian School Boards Association for the development of a healthy, universal, cost-shared school food program funded by the federal and provincial governments in consultation with all school boards.

Complete - Management lead: Ted Amendt

- The resolution was shared and initial discussion with the Minister of Education. School boards and divisions had the opportunity to provide input on the Canadian National Food Policy for Canada and the Poverty Reduction Strategy in 2023. Boards were encouraged to read the discussion paper Pan-Canadian school food policy - Discussion paper and participate in the survey to provide a Saskatchewan and local community context to this national consultation.
- Federal Advocacy Opportunity in Support of Bill C-322 – in December we provided a letter template from the Canadian School Boards Association for boards to consider sending to MPs in effort to garner more support for the federal Private Member's Bill C-322 – National Framework for a School Food Program Act.
- Also, to assist with advocacy on this matter, the SSBA is seeking data from the school divisions in Saskatchewan regarding school food programs. One survey is to be completed by each school division to reflect the approximate array of school food programs within the school division. And we have requested response by January 19, 2024
- Advocacy meeting with stakeholder – University of Saskatchewan who are conducting school food research in Saskatchewan – sharing information – research is complimentary but different.
- A survey of member boards was conducted to determine current state. A *School Food Programs Inventory* summary was shared with member boards, the Minister, and the Opposition Critic. A *National School Food Program advocacy* one-pager Link: https://saskschoolboards.ca/advocacy/advocacy-activity/ was also created and distributed to support member boards with ongoing advocacy efforts on this matter .
- On April 1, 2024 the federal government announced an historic investment of $1 billion dollars over five years into Canada's first ever National School Food Program. Media release: https://www.pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2024/04/01/national-school-food-program-set-kids-success
- Further follow-up required to understand how this will benefit and be distributed to Saskatchewan schools.
- A School Food Programs Roundtable has been created to engage operational staff from the 27 school divisions with community organizations and researchers focused on food security. The Roundtable held its inaugural meeting in September 2024.
- A University of Saskatchewan PhD candidate received a fellowship to work with the SSBA to support school food programs for one-year (2025).
- SSBA has partnered in 2025 to offer the Saskatchewan School Food Program Speaker Series. Information and recording available online: https://saskschoolboards.ca/events1/school-food/

- In February 2025 it was announced that a project led by the SSBA to expand school food infrastructure in Saskatchewan has been approved to receive $1 million in federal government funding from the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) School Food Infrastructure Fund (SFIF). News Release: $1 Million Provided for Sask. School Food Infrastructure.
- On March 10 the Saskatchewan Government announced that it had signed on to the National School Food Program. They announced a three-year agreement for $15.8 million for Saskatchewan. News release: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2025/march/10/saskatchewan-signs-on-to-the-national-school-food-program
- October 2025 – approved Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) School Food Infrastructure Fund (SFIF) projects announced: https://saskschoolboards.ca/2025/10/06/funds-awarded-for-15-school-food-infrastructure-projects/
- 2026 – SFIF projects are being completed, and project profiles have been posted and shared on social media: https://saskschoolboards.ca/events1/school-food/

AGM-23-08 BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Board Association assess the implications of changing its fiscal year-end from December 31st to August 31st.

Complete - Management lead: Catherine Vu

- Research and assessment report was provided to the Executive where they approved a recommendation to not change the fiscal year-end. The research, assessment and recommendation was shared with Board Chairs Council in December 2024 and then shared with all members.

AGM-23-09 BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Boards Association advocate to the Government of Saskatchewan prior to November 30th, 2023, to keep in force Safe Access to Schools sections 369.2 to 369.5 of The Education Act, 1995.

Complete - Management lead: Ted Amendt

- The issue was shared and discussed with the Minister of Education prior to the resolution and upon follow-up with the Minister again after the resolution was passed, we were informed that there the Government of Saskatchewan has no plans to keep in force Safe Access to Schools at this time.