

## SSBA Reacts to 2022-23 Budget Announcement

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) recognized the small increase in funding for the school system in March's provincial budget, while also emphasizing that the increase falls short of covering operating and inflationary costs.

"The operating increase announced in the 2022-23 budget does not cover operating expenses for school divisions," said Dr. Shawn Davidson, president of the SSBA.

"School boards may have difficult decisions to make, once again," Davidson continued.

Boards have worked very hard to find efficiencies with buildings, transportation and office procedures – but when the operational funding doesn't cover inflationary costs, the dollars aren't there to pay for any investment or additional services that students need, Davidson said.

"We have been advocating for adequate, sustainable and predictable operational funding for quite some time and we have noticed that the ability of boards to deliver services to students has been eroded over the last several years," Davidson added.



*SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson is interviewed at the Legislative Building about the 2022 provincial budget announcement in March.*

As school divisions receive their operational budget details through the education funding distribution model following the overall budget announcement, they will have a better sense of the local budget response and circumstances, which might vary among regions.

School boards recognized ongoing investment in capital projects. They also continue to advocate for strategic co-ordination with the Ministry of Health on mental health and wellness initiatives and are encouraged by some additional dollars for that.

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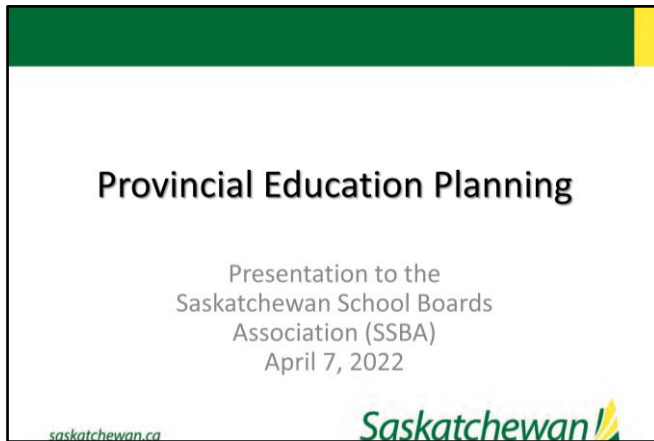


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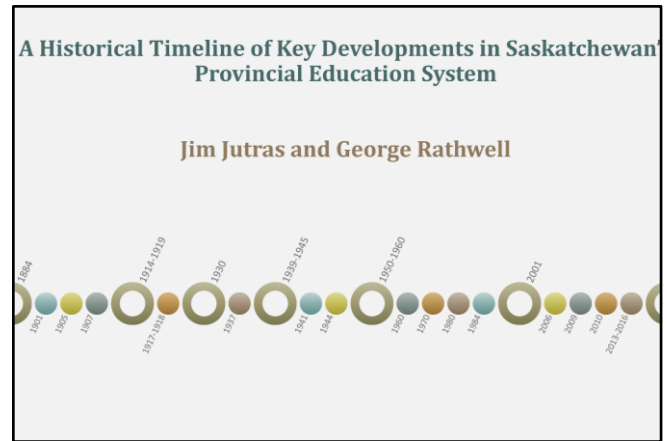


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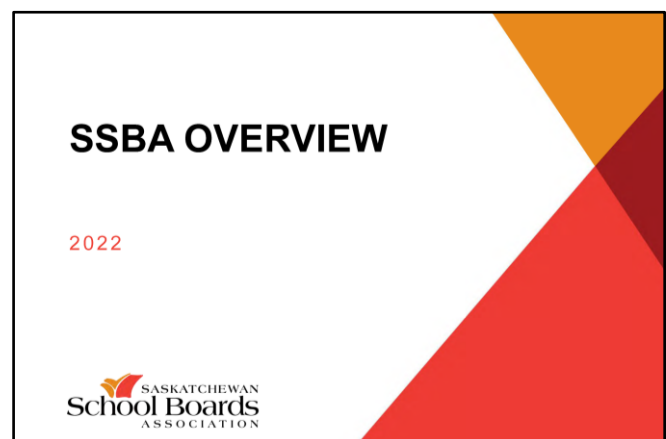
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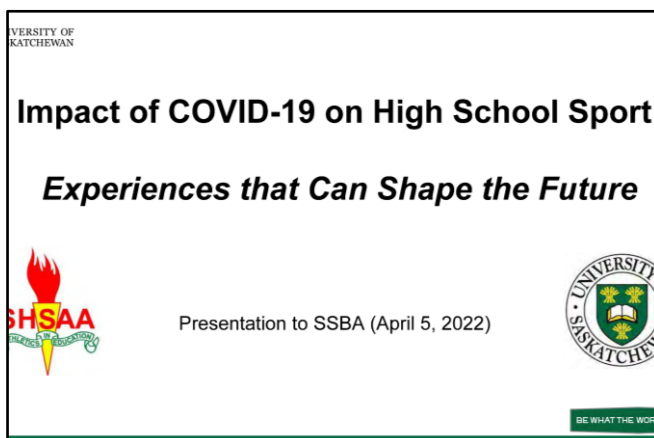
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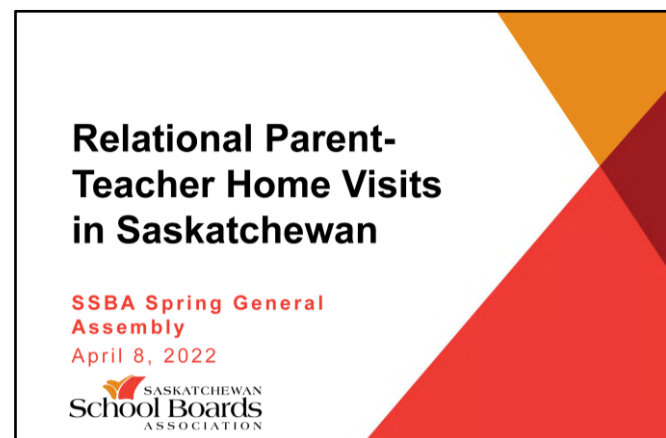
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*"The mission of the SSBA is to provide leadership, coordination and services to member boards of education to support student achievement."*

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Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel

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## Awards and Scholarships

### SSBA AWARDS

Information regarding the 2022 *Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence* and the 2022 *Award of Distinction* is now available. Please visit the [SSBA website](#) and follow the relevant links to access the Nomination Guide and Scoring Rubric for the Premier's Award and the Nomination Criteria and Procedures for the Award of Distinction. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 30.

### SSBA SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association awards two \$2,500 scholarships to graduating Saskatchewan high school students going into post-secondary study:

- *Degree Program Scholarship: \$2,500*
- *Technical/Trade Program Scholarship: \$2,500*

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of demonstrated good character, community leadership, financial need, and a 500-word essay. The application deadline is Aug. 31 each year. To access the application form and view the rubric that is being used to score the scholarships, please visit the [SSBA website](#).