

## Saskatchewan Rivers Receives Premier's Award

Saskatchewan Rivers Public Board of Education and Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change have received the 2019 Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education for the submission of "Empowering Students and Responding to Student Voice: A Student-led Pathway to Improve Student Outcomes."

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) co-ordinates the Premier's Award each year. The award was presented on behalf of Premier Scott Moe during the SSBA Annual General Assembly in November in Regina.

"Congratulations to Saskatchewan Rivers School Division for winning this year's award," Honourable Lori Carr, Minister of Government Relations and MLA for Estevan, said on behalf of Premier Moe. "The Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change council will give students valuable leadership skills and an opportunity to have their voice heard by the board of trustees. This experience will benefit them well beyond high school."



*Saskatchewan Rivers Public Board of Education and Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change were the recipients of the 2019 Premier's Award.*

In its application for the award, Saskatchewan Rivers said its board, along with a team of students, implemented a division-wide council known as the Saskatchewan Rivers Students for Change, which regularly discusses challenges and opportunities, takes part in leadership and learning, plans actions and events and advocates for student learning and well-being. The council provides advice and perspective directly to the board through elected student trustees.

The \$3,000 award has been sponsored by Xerox Canada since 1999, making this year the 20th anniversary of the award program.

The Premier's Award recognizes educational innovations and improvements focused on student achievement that have been advanced or directed by school boards. The prize is used to support or extend the innovation or project.

"Upon the 20th anniversary of this program, we are very appreciative of Xerox Canada for highlighting the great work being done by school boards throughout the province," said SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson.

"Each submission is worthy of recognition for promoting efforts to help ensure success for all students. Congratulations to the recipients."

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## Local Government Week Recognized in Saskatchewan

To raise awareness and engagement in local democracy, Local Government Week was again officially proclaimed in the province of Saskatchewan, at the joint request of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), Métis Nation Saskatchewan (MN-S), the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) and the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA).

The week ran from Nov. 11 to 17 this year and was officially designated by Honourable Lori Carr, Saskatchewan’s Minister of Government Relations and Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs. This was the second year that Local Government Week has been proclaimed. The call to recognize the week with a provincial proclamation emerged through discussions between partner organizations as an opportunity to raise awareness.

The work of local governments affects the lives of Saskatchewan residents every day. Local governments are responsible for everything from educating the province’s youth to building and maintaining the local roads residents use. To provide the many services offered, Saskatchewan’s local governments collectively employ more than 38,000 people. Locally elected governments represent the voices of the people they serve and provide accountability.

## Fall General Assembly



*2019 Degree Program Scholarship Recipient  
Matthias Georghiades,  
Saskatoon Public Schools*



*2019 Trade / Technical Program Scholarship Recipient  
Damon Kako,  
Sun West School Division*



*New SSBA Life Member  
Bernie Howe,  
Prairie Spirit School Division*

### Calendar Update

#### Upcoming Events in 2020:

#### **Trustee Academy**

Regina – Feb. 7

Saskatoon – Feb. 10

#### **Spring General Assembly**

Saskatoon – Apr. 7-8



## Fall General Assembly



*Student Entertainment  
Deaf Crows Collective*



*Keynote  
Dr. Patrick Lewis and Karen Wallace*



*Student Wellness / Mental Health  
Minister of Education's Youth Council*



*Comprehensive School Community Health  
Good Spirit School Division*



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