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Horizon School Board Receives Premier's Award

The Horizon School Division Board of Education has received this year's Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence for the submission of "the Horizon School Division George Gordon First Nation Mîkiwahp (Tipi) Project".

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's virtual Annual General Assembly in November.

"It is so important that all students feel welcome and represented in their schools and communities," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said.

"Through projects like the Mîkiwahp (Tipi) Project, students can connect with culture through education. Everyone at George Gordon First Nation and Horizon School Division should be very pleased with this wonderful achievement," he continued.

In its application for the award, Horizon said the George Gordon First Nation Mîkiwahp (Tipi) Project is intended to develop culturally appropriate curricula and an instructional model to continually inform schools, teachers and the division in the implementation of high-quality, responsive instruction for Indigenous students.

Horizon Chair Jim Hack accepted the 2021 Premier's Award virtually. Check out a video about the project: https://youtu.be/7VPPVx84Rgk

The culmination of the project will be the creation of an outdoor classroom (Mîkiwahp structure) that will continue to serve as a space for ongoing land-based learning, ceremony and celebrations.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, we are humbled and honoured to receive the Premier's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education," said Jim Hack, Horizon School Division Board Chair.

"We would like to thank our staff for their outstanding commitment to our Board's renewed focus on educating through Truth to ensure a future of Reconciliation," he added.

The $3,000 award has been sponsored by Xerox Canada since its development in 1999. Xerox is pleased to continue the long-standing partnership.

"At Xerox, we are always innovating to drive change," said Steve Bandrowczak, Chief Operations Officer. "Change is faster today than it ever was, and slower than it ever will be. This mentality fuels us to always look ahead, to see what's next. We are honoured to do our part in encouraging our youth in this award, focusing on Innovation and Excellence."

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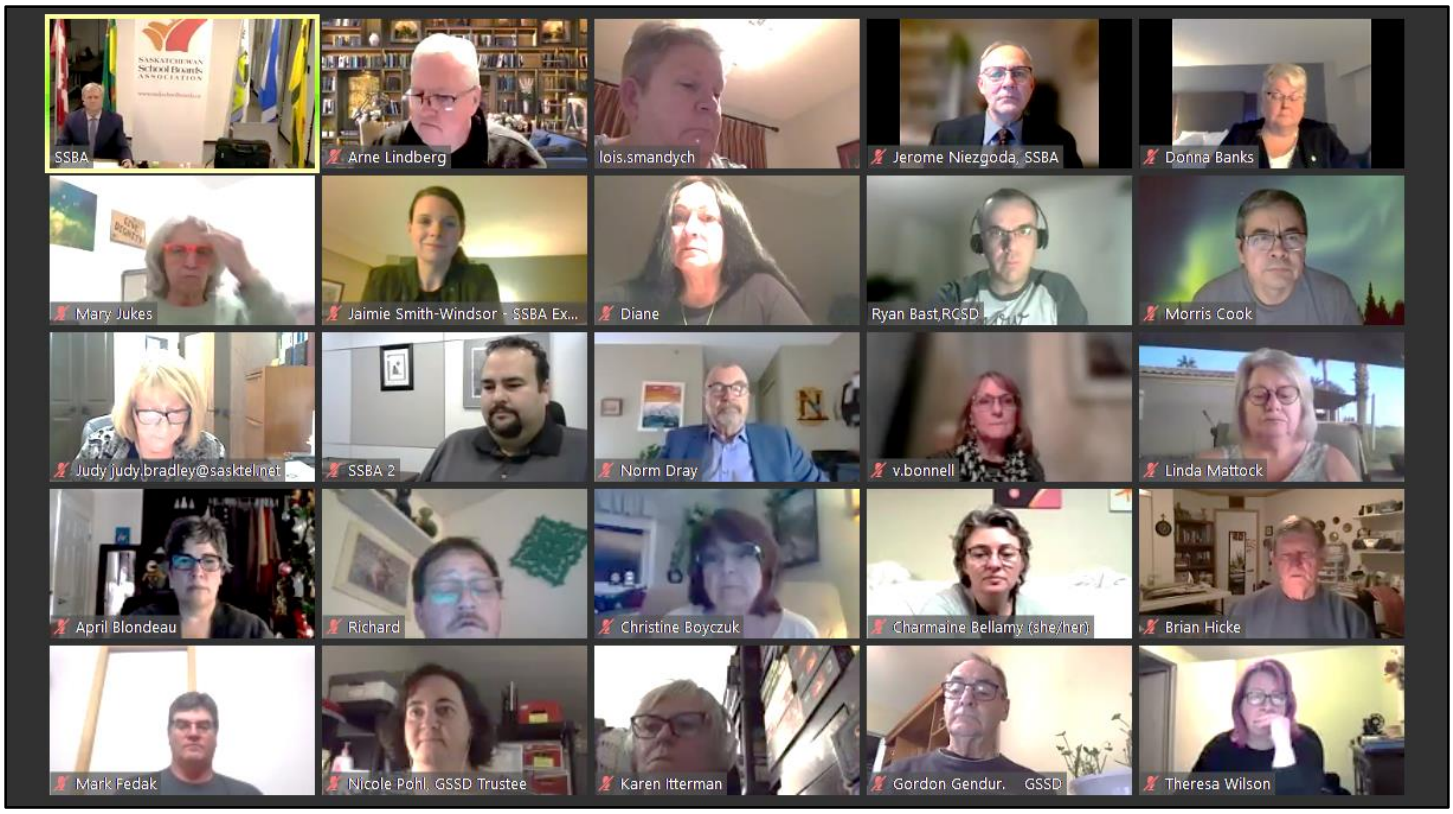
Fall Assembly Highlights



Participants attended the 2021 SSBA Fall Assembly in November via Zoom.

Executive Members Christine Gradin and Jerome Niezgoda provided updates on the SSBA's General Insurance Plan and Employee Benefits Plan, respectively, and Executive Director Darren McKee gave his address to the Assembly.

Fall Assembly included several educational sessions related to creating connections and relationships between home and school. These were hosted by Dr. Debbie Pushor, Parent Teacher Home Visits and Sun West School Division.

Fall Assembly Highlights (continued)

Education Minister Greetings: Hon. Dustin Duncan

CSBA Greetings: President Laurie French

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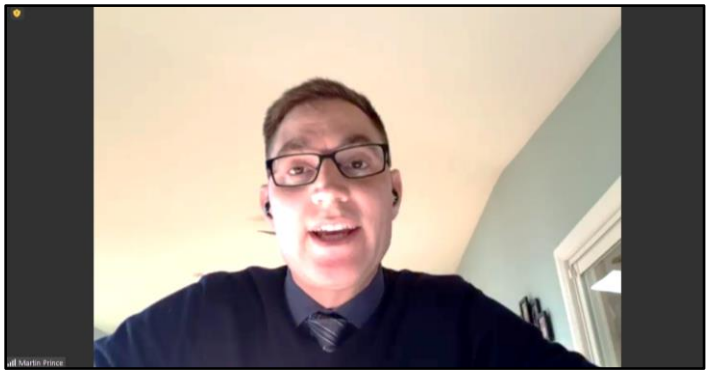
The 2021-22 SSBA Provincial Executive was sworn in at the Fall Assembly.

2021 SSBA Scholarship Recipient

Degree Program Recipient

Queen Esther M. Lamanilao is the recipient of the 2021 Degree Program Scholarship. Queen graduated from Regina Christian School, an associate school of Regina Public Schools, and is enrolled in the Computer Science program at the University of Regina.

New SSBA Life Members



New life members Aleana Young and Martin Prince were recognized via Zoom during the Fall Assembly.

The SSBA Executive may award a life membership to a qualifying member at the completion of service at the provincial level. The decision to confer life membership is made by the SSBA Executive and is based upon the years of experience the member has served.

SSBA Life Members exemplify leadership through integrity, honour and humour – traits of locally elected leaders that make a difference in our communities.

This year's recipients were Martin Prince and Aleana Young.

Martin Prince was elected to École Père Mercure's Conseil école (SCC) in 2001, was secretary and then Chair until 2016 when elected as a trustee. He is a single term trustee, fully dedicated to defending public education in Saskatchewan and promoting French-as-a-first-language education in the CÉF schools. He represented the francophone section and worked diligently on the Audit and Investment Committee for the full term and really enjoyed it.

He continues to participate in the education sector; whether as a school bus relief driver, parent-volunteer/fundraiser, Curriculum Advisory Committee member and may be a trustee again someday.

He farms with his wife Colette and school aged children Louis, Anne, Cédric and Claire by Delmas.

Aleana Young was elected the MLA for Regina University in October 2020 where she serves as Deputy House Leader in the NDP Opposition caucus. Aleana is also the Critic for several portfolios.

Prior to taking office, she spent two terms as a Regina Public School Board trustee, where she was a tireless advocate for high-quality education and properly resourced classrooms. Aleana also served as Vice-President of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, where she advocated for all 27 school boards in the province and for a local voice in education.

Aleana is active in her community and a small business owner operating a cheese shop in the Cathedral neighbourhood and loves running around Wascana Lake. She and her husband are avid readers who enjoy camping, the outdoors, and culinary adventures.

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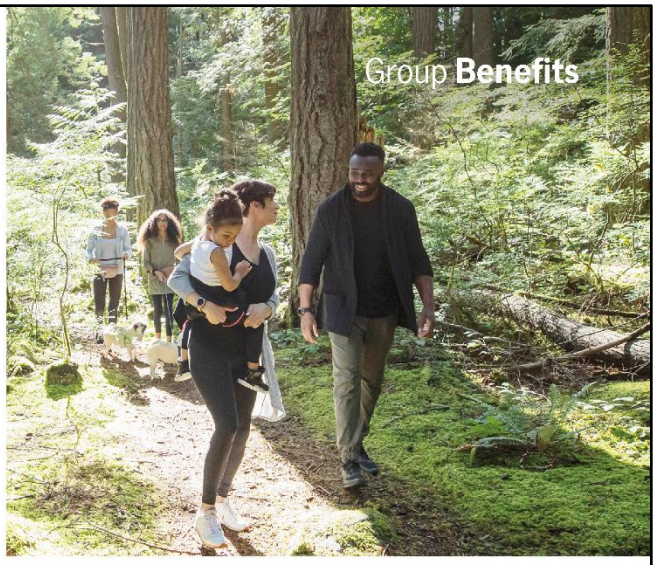

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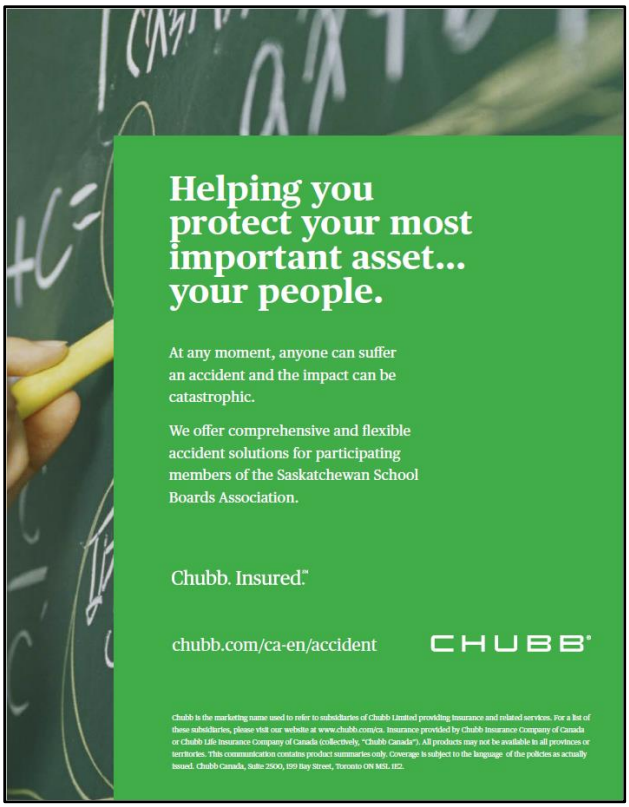

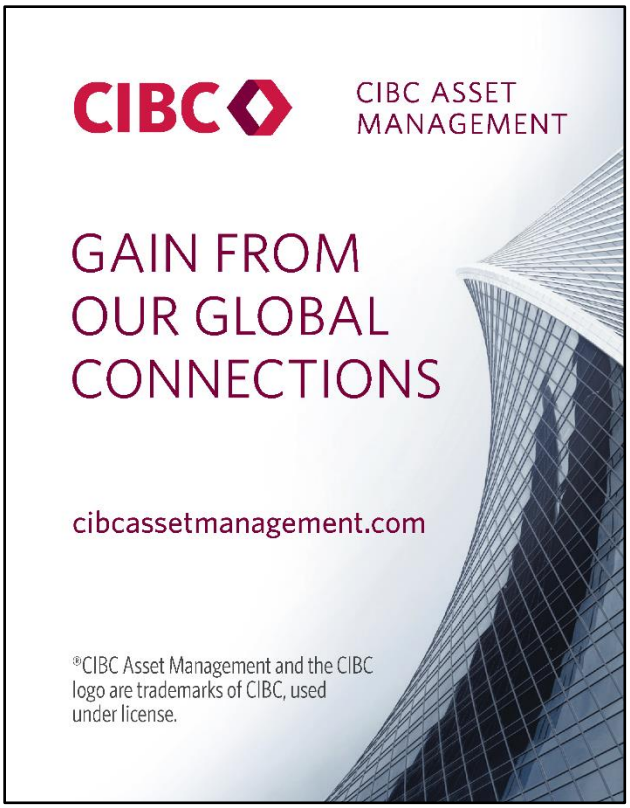

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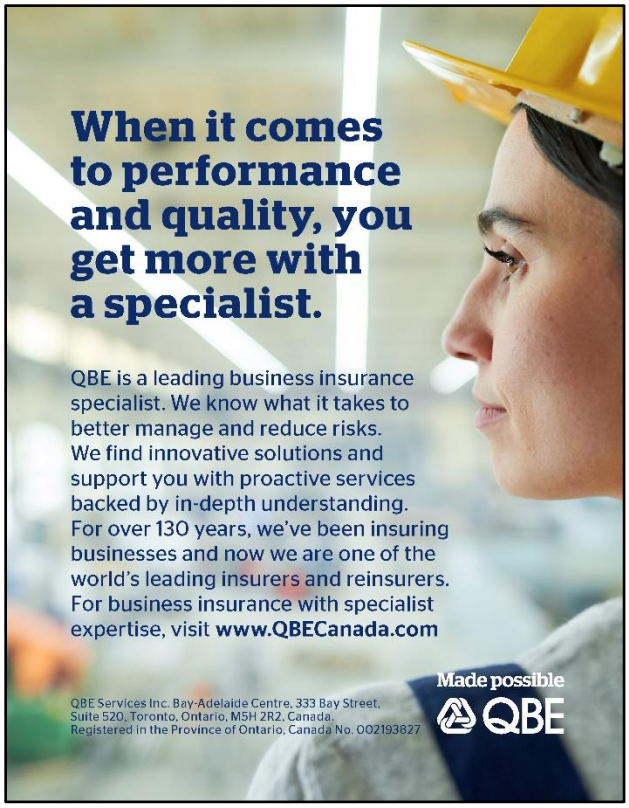
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