

Holy Trinity School Board Receives Premier's Award

The Holy Trinity Catholic School Division Board of Education received the 2022 Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education for "Post-Graduation Community Transition: Holy Trinity Catholic School Division, Moose Jaw Kinsmen Inclusion Centre Partnership".

The SSBA co-ordinates the award each year. The award was presented on behalf of Premier Scott Moe during the SSBA's Annual General Assembly in November.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to recognize Holy Trinity Catholic School Division Board of Education, as the recipient of the Premier's Award for their dedication to innovation, inclusion and student success," said Premier Scott Moe. "The Post-Graduation Community Transition partnership is a testament of the great things that can be achieved when sectors come together with the goal of providing the best possible outcomes for Saskatchewan's young people."

In its application for the award, Holy Trinity said the program provides meaningful transitional



To view a video about the award recipients, please visit:

<https://youtu.be/dtqzoNludJk>

opportunities after formal graduation at 18, improves the provision of services and supports students in independence, social well-being, career training and work experience and life skills.

"The innovation stemmed from the willingness to think outside the box and listen to all stakeholders," said Joann Blazieko, Board Chair. "The goals were to enhance student learning, ensure smooth transitions from K-12 Education to the larger community, enhance future employment opportunities and improve the quality of life for each individual student."

The \$3,000 award has been sponsored by Xerox Canada since its development in 1999. The award recipient is recommended by a panel of education sector partners. Xerox is pleased to continue the long-standing partnership.

"Our history at Xerox is one that is defined by continuous innovation," said Mike Tulk, Vice-President. "This is driven by a diverse employee base focused on creating new ideas to solve the business problems of today and into the future. It is a great honour to once again be associated with the prestigious Premier's Award."

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**2022 Saskatchewan School Boards Association
Fall General Assembly and Annual General Meeting**

Members gathered in Regina Nov. 13-15.



Greetings from His Honour the Hon. Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor



Greetings from the Hon. Dustin Duncan, Minister of Education



Keynote Speaker: Lori Campbell, Associate Vice-President (Indigenous Engagement), U of R



Keynote Speake: Reg Krake, Incorporating SOGI-Inclusive Education via the 2020-30 PEP Framework



Student Entertainment: The Regina Catholic School Division Senior Jazz Combo



Trustees from Horizon School Division attending the 2022 Fall General Assembly

Jaimie Smith-Windsor Becomes New SSBA President

The 27 member boards of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association chose Jaimie Smith-Windsor as the new President of the organization during the SSBA's Annual General Meeting.

Smith-Windsor, who had previously served on the SSBA Executive as Central Constituency Representative and Vice President, was acclaimed. Shawn Davidson will continue serving on the Executive, as Vice-President.

Smith-Windsor is in her fourth term serving as a trustee on the Saskatchewan Rivers Board of Education and is a champion for local voice in publicly funded education in the province.

"Boards play a critical role in shaping education through democratic, student-centered and non-partisan leadership," she said, noting she values the unified advocacy of public, Catholic, Indigenous, francophone, northern,

urban and rural boards of education in addressing important issues arising in education.

"We need to continually amplify the work of locally elected and autonomous boards of education," she added.

Smith-Windsor, who lives in the Resort Village of Elk Ridge with her partner and three teenagers, is committed to reconciliation and supporting Indigenous education and trusteeship. She aspires to high-performance and ethical governance and upholding core values of excellence, respect for diversity and achievement for all students.

"We need to advocate for the kind of investment in education that enables innovation," Smith-Windsor said. "Our students' needs are diverse. They deserve our very best efforts to secure the resources they need to thrive."

A business owner with 19 years of experience in the construction



industry, Smith-Windsor holds a graduate degree in Political Science, has held teaching and research positions and is a published scholar.

Representatives for the SSBA's seven constituencies are chosen by the constituency members. Along with Smith-Windsor and Davidson, the 2022-23 Executive includes constituency representatives Jerome Niezgoda (Catholic), Christine Gradin (Central), Élizabeth Perreault (Conseil scolaire Fransaskois), Kimberly Greyeyes (Indigenous), Nathan Favel (Northern), Robert Bachmann (Southern) and Donna Banks (Urban Public).

Local Government Organizations Launch Resource for Saskatchewan Educators

To raise awareness and engagement in local democracy, local government organizations in Saskatchewan have launched a resource to support Grade 4 educators as they teach students about governance.

The resource, *Who Governs Us? Who Governs the Land?* focuses on governance at the local, community, civic, and provincial levels, including both Métis and First Nations governance structures and K-12 education governance. Lessons, which offer possible inquiry questions, vocabulary, and activity options, focus on outcomes from the Saskatchewan Grade 4 Social

Studies Curriculum. The comprehensive resource also provides access to a speakers bureau. Educators can contact the speakers bureau to be connected with local representatives – mayors, reeves, chiefs, trustees, and directors – who can speak to students about local government and governance.

The resource is a collaboration between the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, and Métis Nation – Saskatchewan.

The resource, developed by teachers and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Professional Learning Centre, was released in conjunction with Local Government Week, which took place Nov. 14-20.

Locally elected governments represent the voices of the people they serve and provide close connections and accountability to their communities.





"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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Jaimie Smith-Windsor

Vice-President:

Dr. Shawn Davidson

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Jerome Niezgodá

Central Constituency:

Christine Gradin

Conseil scolaire fransaskois Constituency:

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Indigenous Constituency:

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Scholarship Recipients



Sung Park is the recipient of the 2022 Degree Program Scholarship. Sung graduated from Campbell Collegiate in the Regina Public School Division and is enrolled in the Life Sciences program at the University of Toronto.



Wilson Williams is the recipient of the 2022 Technical / Trade Program Scholarship. Wilson graduated from Sheldon-Williams Collegiate in the Regina Public School Division, and is enrolled in the Agriculture and Food Production program at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw Campus.

Honorary Life Member



Long-time SSBA employee Geraldine Knudsen was recognized with an Honorary Life Membership at the Fall General Assembly.