Fall General Assembly Nov. 12-14, 2017 #SSBA2017



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President's Message

On behalf of the Provincial Executive of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, I would like to welcome you to your Fall General Assembly.

As I reflect back on my first year as President of your Association, I marvel at the strength and resilience of those elected in this province to serve our students as trustees on boards of education. I want to thank all board members and our important education partners for the ongoing and dedicated efforts on behalf of students, families and communities – in the face of a very challenging year.

During these difficult times in our sector, your Provincial Executive has endeavoured to serve you – both by speaking up on behalf of school boards and the communities we serve and by listening closely to our members as changes are considered in the education system, in school divisions and in our Association.

Our commitment is to continue to advocate for the importance of education on behalf of school boards and the important work they do throughout our vast and diverse province. We will also continue to support good governance, be a strong provincial voice for publicly funded education, and provide services – tailored to your needs – that help you save on costs.

I thank you for your ongoing contributions and your continued support of the work your Association does on behalf of boards of education.

Education belongs to community.





Dr. Shawn Davidson President



At A Glance

Double Tree by Hilton Regina, Capital Ballroom (unless otherwise indicated)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6 p.m. Registration Opens (Lobby) 7:15 p.m. Student Entertainment

7:30 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, AGM Opens, President's Address

8 p.m. "Elected and Engaged" Panel

9 p.m. Reception (Lobby)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens, Ballot Pick-Up (Lobby)

8 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Partner Greetings

9 a.m. "Reconciliation Through Our Students' Eyes" Youth Panel

10 a.m. AGM – Strategic Plan, Budget, Procedures

10:45 a.m. Breakout by Networking Groups (various locations)

12 p.m. Luncheon Buffet 12:45 p.m. Partner Greetings

1 p.m. AGM – Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions

3 p.m. Meeting Recesses

3 p.m. Aboriginal, Public, Catholic Section Meetings (various locations)

6 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. Banquet and Awards

8:45 p.m. Entertainment – Rory Allen, Tribute to the King

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Leadership Candidates Forum

9:45 a.m. Constituency Elections, Session for Other Boards (various locations)

10:30 a.m. Ministry Project Office Committee Updates
11 a.m. AGM – New Executive, Oath of Office

Minister of Education Creatings

11:30 a.m. Minister of Education Greetings

11:40 a.m. Assembly Concludes, Brown Bag Lunch
11:45 a.m. Board Chairs' Council (Moose Jaw Room)
3 p.m. Strategic Issues Committee (Moose Jaw Room)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

DoubleTree by Hilton Regina, Capital Ballroom (unless otherwise indicated)

6 p.m. Registration Opens (Lobby)

7:15 p.m. Student Entertainment

Regina Public Schools Campbell Collegiate Choir



The Campbell Chamber Choir and Campbell Vocal Jazz One are comprised of students in Grades 10-12 committed to serving the community through music.

7:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

- AGM Opens
- President's Address

8 p.m. "Elected and Engaged" – Panel







- SUMA President Dr. Gordon Barnhart
- Cowessess Chief Cadmus Delorme
- Kevin Waugh, Member of Parliament

9 p.m. Cash Bar Reception (Lobby)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

DoubleTree by Hilton Regina, Capital Ballroom (unless otherwise indicated)

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens and Ballot Pick-Up (Lobby)

8 a.m. Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Greetings from LEADS and SASBO

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (continued)

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9 a.m. "Reconciliation Through Our Students' Eyes" – Youth Panel

YOUTH PANEL MEMBERS

Holy Trinity Catholic School Division

- Kalyka Kober, from Moose Jaw, Grade 12
 - attends Vanier Collegiate, Moose Jaw
- Jessica Chowdhury, from Moose Jaw, Grade 12
 - attends Vanier Collegiate, Moose Jaw

Prairie South School Division

- Jeremy Corrigal, from Ile a la Crosse, Grade 11
 - o attends Central Collegiate Institute, Moose Jaw
- Kaleigh Olson, from Moose Jaw, Grade 11
 - o attends Central Collegiate Institute, Moose Jaw

Prairie Valley School Division

- Michael Starr-Desnomie, from Peepeekisis First Nation, Grade 12
 - o attends Bert Fox Community High School, Fort Qu'Appelle
- Kisis-Isquao Cappo, from Muscowpetung First Nation, Grade 11
 - o attends Greenall High School, Balgonie

Regina Public Schools

- Paige Hamann, from Regina, Grade 11
 - attends Balfour Collegiate, Regina
- Taye Starr, from Star Blanket First Nation, Grade 12
 - o attends Balfour Collegiate, Regina

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools:

- Jordan Daniels, from Saskatoon, Grade 10
 - attends St. Joseph High School, Saskatoon
- Hunter Martin, from Saskatoon, Grade 12
 - attends Bethlehem Catholic High School, Saskatoon

YOUTH PANEL FACILITATOR



Dr. Michael Cappello is a white settler living and working on Treaty 4 territory, in Regina, Saskatchewan. He teaches in the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina. His work over the last four years has focused on teaching / learning against colonialism and teaching / learning into reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (continued)

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10 a.m. Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association

2018 Strategic Plan and Budget

Procedures: Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. Proposed Bylaw Amendments, Resolutions and Budget

Breakout by Networking Groups (closed sessions)

Southern Boards	Central Boards	Northern Boards	Urban Boards
(Swift Current)	(Capital)	(Qu'Appelle)	(Prince Albert)
Chairs: Janet Kotylak Jerome Niezgoda Chinook SD Christ the Teacher RCSSD Good Spirit SD Holy Family RCSSD Holy Trinity RCSSD Prairie South SD Prairie Valley SD South East Cornerstone SD Sun West SD	Chairs: Martin Prince Jaimie Smith-Windsor Conseil scolaire fransaskoises Englefeld PSSD Horizon SD Light of Christ RCSSD Living Sky SD North East SD Northwest SD Prairie Spirit SD Prince Albert RCSSD Saskatchewan Rivers SD	Chairs: Joe Daigneault Duane Favel Creighton SD Ile a la Crosse SD Northern Lights SD	Chairs: Donna Banks Aleana Young • Greater Saskatoon RCSSD • Lloydminster RCSSD • Lloydminster SD • Regina RCSSD • Regina SD • Saskatoon SD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (continued)

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12 p.m.	Luncheon Buffet
12:45 p.m.	Greetings from CSBA
1 p.m.	Annual General Meeting (continued) • Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions
3 p.m.	Coffee Break / Meeting Recesses Aboriginal Constituency meeting (Qu'Appelle Room) Catholic Section meeting (Swift Current Room) Public Section meeting (Moose Jaw Room)
6 p.m.	Reception
7 p.m.	 Banquet and Awards Recognition of Scholarship Recipients Life Memberships Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education (The Premier's Award is generously sponsored by Xerox Canada.)

8:45 p.m. Entertainment / Social Evening Rory Allen, Tribute to the King



Saskatchewan's own Rory Allen is a much loved and respected professional entertainer who draws capacity crowds with his phenomenal vocal talent, charisma and audience rapport. Rory has achieved a successful full-time music career for more than 20 years.

TUESDAY, **NOVEMBER 14**DoubleTree by Hilton Regina, Capital Ballroom (unless otherwise indicated)

8 a.m.	Breakfast
8:45 a.m.	Leadership Candidates Forum
9:45 a.m.	Annual General Meeting (continued) Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions (if required)
9:45 a.m. (or following resolutions)	Northern Constituency Election (Qu'Appelle Room) Southern Constituency Election (Moose Jaw Room) Fireside Chats for Boards not in Elections (select one of the following) Table Sharing: Governance Practices / Curriculum Renewal (Capital Ballroom) Community Safety Education Strategy (Prince Albert Room) Social Media 101 (Melville Room)
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 a.m.	Ministry Project Office: Committee Updates – Liam Choo-Foo, Chief Project Officer
11 a.m.	Annual General Meeting (continued) Introduce New Executive and Oath of Office
11:30 a.m.	Minister of Education Greetings
11:40 a.m.	Fall General Assembly Concludes and Brown Bag Lunch
11:45 a.m.	Board Chairs' Council (Moose Jaw Room) • Executive and Chairs or designates only
3 p.m.	Strategic Issues Committee (Moose Jaw Room) • Executive and Chairs or designates only

Advance Nominations



Position: Southern Constituency Representative

Candidate Name: John Collins Candidate Board: Sun West Nominator Name: Tim McLeod Nominator Board: Prairie South

Hello, I would like to introduce myself to you.

My name is John Collins and along with my wife Darla, and our four children, Anne-Marie (14), Eli (7), Molly (4) and Coy (1) we ranch just west of Kenaston. Darla is also a public health nurse in Saskatoon.

Ever since Anne-Marie was born her education was on our mind. At that time the risk of losing our school in Kenaston was drawing closer and we often wondered what her education would look like.

Once she started school it wasn't very long that first Darla and then I became involved with the SCC. It was important to us to have that voice as well as insight into what was happening in the school we were entrusting our daughter to everyday.

Five years ago when our local Trustee retired, it was not too hard a decision to decide to run. The last five years has been an awesome experience. It has included an enormous amount of learning for me.

I've learned to understand the education sector as well as learned a lot about myself in what I have to offer. I see and hear every day the impact our schools have on our learners. Education seems to be on a rapid course of change, even though some things don't move at all.

I believe we need people committed to make the time and put in the effort to be the voice for the learners and communities we serve. That is why I have decided to run for the Southern Constituency Representative. I believe that I have the skill sets, the desire, the time to be able to commit to this position but most importantly I have kids in our school.

I'd be humbled to serve these boards at the provincial table.

Advance Nominations



Position: Southern Constituency Representative

Candidate Name: Janet Kotylak
Candidate Board: Prairie Valley
Nominator Name: Audrey Trombley
Nominator Board: South East Cornerstone

I have had the opportunity to represent the Southern Constituency on the SSBA. I am respectfully asking for your support to continue to serve you.

I have previously worked in government, the private sector, and currently farm with my husband near Montmartre. We have three children, one in grade twelve, and two in university.

I have served education since being elected to the Montmartre Local Board (1997) and Prairie Valley Board of Education (2005).

My experience as a Trustee and Executive Member is wide-ranging and includes:

- SSBA Board Development Advisory Committee
- SSBA Executive Human Resources Committee
- SSBA Policy Manual Renewal Committee
- SSBA Policy and Resolutions Committee Chairperson
- Educational Relations Board SSBA Representative
- University of Regina Senate SSBA Representative
- SSBA Education Equity Working Advisory Group Co-chair
- Prairie Valley Board of Education Chairperson
- PVSD LINC Bargaining, Infrastructure, and Student Achievement Committees

Lifelong learning is one of my personal values. I have demonstrated commitment to that value by participating in learning opportunities at provincial, national, and international levels. I value relationships and maintaining connections with those I serve. I have shown that commitment by reaching out to the Southern Boards during my term. The Executive needs to grow and adapt the SSBA's strategic plan and membership services to align with Boards' needs in this rapidly changing environment. I am committed to listen to your needs and bring them to the Executive table.

A strong relationship with both the Minister and Ministry of Education, and MLAs is important to our success. I will work to build and maintain these critical relationships to ensure adequate resources, board autonomy, and public voice in public education for our students and communities.

If elected I promise to serve you with integrity, honesty, and dedication.

Scholarships

Each year, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association offers two Education Scholarships of \$2,500 each to graduating high school students who remain in Saskatchewan in post-secondary study. One scholarship is awarded to a student entering a degree program in Saskatchewan and one scholarship is awarded to a student entering a technical / trade program in Saskatchewan.

2017 Degree Program Scholarship Recipient



Arslan Azeem is the winner of the 2017 scholarship.

Arslan graduated from Campbell Collegiate in the Regina Public School Division.

Arslan is enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Administration program at the University of Regina.

2017 Technical / Trade Program Scholarship Recipient



Mathieu Mihalicz is the winner of the 2017 scholarship.

Mathieu graduated from Raymore School in the Horizon School Division.

Mathieu is enrolled in the Automotive Service Tech program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

Partner Messages



Government of Saskatchewan

The Hon. Bronywn Eyre, Minister of Education On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I would like to welcome all members to the 102nd Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Fall General Assembly. I appreciate your commitment to education in Saskatchewan, where the focus continues to be on supporting student success.

As trustees, you play a vital role in advocating for student well-being, learning opportunities, educational success and engaging with what happens in the classroom. I thank you for this. We share the same goal: to have our students meet their full potential.

The SSBA has contributed to many education success stories throughout the province, resulting in improved outcomes for our students and education staff. Your membership will continue to play a vital role as we work towards meeting the goals outlined in the Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSP).

Our government is doing everything we can to ensure the rights of parents and students are protected, so that students can continue to attend the schools that work best for them. This includes our commitment to introduce legislation this fall that will protect school choice for families.

Together, we will continue to prepare each and every student in Saskatchewan for the opportunities and challenges they will face.

I look forward to continuing this important partnership and building off of your many great accomplishments. Best wishes to all of you for another successful convention!



Canadian School Boards Association

Floyd Martens, President On behalf of the Board of Directors, representing School Board Associations from across Canada, I want to extend you warm greetings from the Canadian School Boards Association. Collectively we work to advance areas which impact education from coast to coast to coast. This includes: Indigenous Education, Student Mental Health and Wellness and effective Governance.

As you meet for your Annual Fall General Assembly in Regina, I want to remind you that the work you do as Trustees is extremely important. Not only does it impact the students you currently serve, but it shapes our nation and its' future. Improving your own understanding and sharpening your own skills as Trustees makes an incredible difference.

You have chosen a fitting theme for your Assembly, "Local Voice in Action." In fact, Trustees from across our nation had their eyes on Saskatchewan. We saw with great interest the overwhelming support for locally elected School Boards received from your residents.

This response echoes what other jurisdictions have also discovered – how there is incredible importance and value placed on a local elected voice in the delivery of education for our children. Elected School Boards need to be maintained.

I want to extend my appreciation to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association for the work you do in your province as well as the continued contribution you make to our national discussions. Given our national focus your representatives bring a valuable voice to the dialogue.

I look forward to being with you and meeting many of you during your Fall General Assembly. It promises to be a great opportunity to learn, connect and focus on serving the students we represent.

Partner Messages



League of
Educational
Administrators,
Directors and
Superintendents

Darrell Paproski, President Strong local governance is the foundation from which the diverse needs of pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 students can be appropriately supported in Saskatchewan.

On behalf of the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents of Saskatchewan, I want to congratulate the Saskatchewan School Boards Association on choosing such a strong and illustrative theme, "Local Voice in Action," for their 102nd Fall General Assembly.

The important role that Saskatchewan school board trustees play in governing our 28 school divisions cannot be over emphasized. LEADS truly values its long standing educational relationship with the Saskatchewan School Boards Association and looks forward to continuing and enhancing our strong partnership.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings to the Fall General Assembly on behalf of LEADS as we continue our educational journey together supporting Saskatchewan students.



Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials

Diana Welter, President On behalf of the Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials, I am honoured to bring greetings at the 102nd Fall General Assembly. Your theme 'Local Voice in Action' is a true reflection of the efforts taken by your association to advocate on behalf of the education community. As a partner in the education sector, we appreciate that we can approach the work we do understanding there is the shared goal of providing the highest quality education for Pre-K to 12 students province wide.

Our sector is ever-changing and as a result we all have had to live with some uncertainty. With our educational partners, we have made it our purpose to work with, and adapt to, changes within this environment ensuring it does not reach into the classroom. Together, we remain committed and determined to make a difference for our students. For this reason, we must ensure our working relationship going forward remains as strong as it is today.

As a professional association, SASBO serves the education sector in a variety of roles ensuring we support student learning through high standards of business practice. The diversity of our organization, the bringing together of many skill sets, is one of our greatest assets. A well-rounded education sector encompasses all aspects – including governance and operations – and ensures that our joint efforts provide every student with the opportunity for success. All students deserve a high quality, well-rounded education and it is our privilege and purpose to provide them with one.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings and I wish you a successful and dynamic Fall General Assembly.

Partner Messages



Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

Patrick Maze, President Dear School Board Colleagues,

The past year has brought a great deal of change to the education sector. Legislative amendments, new regulations, changes to education funding, and new province-wide achievement initiatives are just some of the measures currently impacting education in Saskatchewan.

Many of these changes have posed additional challenges for teachers, principals, and school divisions. Yet, as both the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the SSBA have shown, in working together we can continue to realize the potential of each student during difficult times.

It is during this challenging era that the education sector's spirit of partnership and shared leadership will be put to the test. If we maintain our commitment to a strong future for public education in Saskatchewan, we can ensure that change has a positive impact for all students, no matter their background or talents.

As the 2017-2018 school year unfolds, teachers in Saskatchewan will continue to advocate for change that enhances the teaching and learning experience. In doing so, we look forward to working with school boards in order to ensure that we are attentive to the needs of various students, schools, communities, and parents.

Teachers and school boards have built a strong foundation upon which we can continue to fulfil our respective roles and responsibilities.

Thank you for continuing to help teachers provide high quality education to all of Saskatchewan's students, families and communities.



CUPE Sask. Education Workers Steering Committee

Jackie Christianson, Chairperson Greetings to the SSBA 2017 Fall General Assembly.

The Education Workers Steering Committee exists under the umbrella of CUPE Saskatchewan. We represent over 7,000 education support workers across the province. Education support workers are employed by school divisions in many capacities. Our workers range from caretakers, bus drivers and maintenance workers to education assistants, administrative assistants, library technicians, counselors and social workers. We are an integral part of the education system whose contributions ensure the best for the students in our schools.

I am honoured to be the chairperson of the Education Workers Steering Committee. We, as Education support workers, are proud to be partners in education, along with the Ministry of Education, the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, and the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation. The fall assembly will provide insight to learn more about the Saskatchewan School Board Association's theme, "Local Voice in Action". Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to attend your convention. I look forward to working together with the SSBA as we explore the best educational opportunities available to our students.

Have a successful convention!

Additional Information

HOTEL MEETING & CONFERENCE SPACE FLOOR PLAN THE LATERS TO STANDARD TO STANDAR

HOTEL MAP

EVALUATION

Your comments and suggestions are valuable to us and help with the planning of future events. Please take a few minutes to complete the online evaluation for the 2017 Fall General Assembly. By submitting the completed evaluation form electronically by Nov. 30 and providing your name, you will be entered into a draw for a one-night stay at the Double Tree by Hilton hotel in Regina.

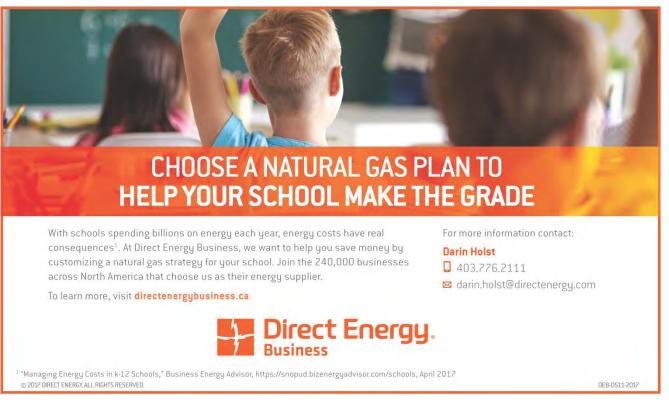
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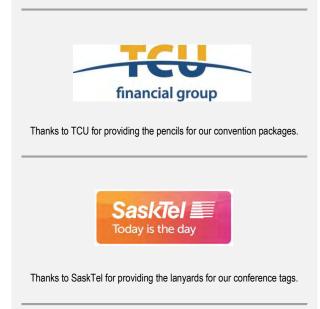


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