

2024 Mosaic Challenge Now Open to Applications

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association and The Mosaic Company are delighted to announce the 2024 Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge is now open to all Saskatchewan schools.

The Mosaic Challenge encourages grassroots initiatives to promote student nutrition and healthier school environments through nutrition-related activities and programming.

Ten successful applicant schools will be selected to receive funding amounts of \$15,000 each for a total of \$150,000 in funding.



Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge Application Form

Applications are due March 31st.
All strategies must be able to be operational by September to be eligible for a cash award.
Please ensure that ALL questions are answered.
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Name *

School Division or First Nation Educational Authority (do not use a community...)

Type of School *

- Elementary
- Middle
- Secondary/High School
- K-12


Is your school on a First Nations Reserve? *

- Yes
- No


School Address *

Street Address

PO Box (if applicable)



Visit our website to check out our new online application and a video of last year's recipient schools!



DID YOU KNOW?

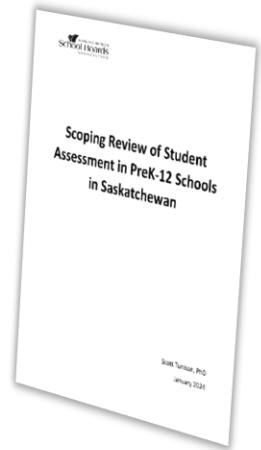
You can find past editions of *The School Trustee* newsletter archived and available on the Saskatchewan School Board Association's [website](#).



Association Activity

SSBA Report: Student Assessment and Reporting Project

The Provincial Education Plan includes an action to develop a provincial assessment plan. To support the efforts of the education sector on this action, last spring the SSBA engaged Dr. Scott Tunison to conduct a scoping review of the literature. The SSBA also formed a committee including LEADS and STF representatives to engage with and provide feedback to Dr. Tunison. The report provides a historical context of student assessment in Saskatchewan, documents the current state of student assessment in Saskatchewan, identifies key considerations from the scoping review of the literature, and includes a conceptual framework to inform the development of a provincial assessment plan that attends to four key principles. Boards of education and the education partners in Saskatchewan were encouraged to read the report and reflect on the key considerations from the literature and the proposed conceptual framework described in the report as actions are carried out in support of the Provincial Education Plan. The report is available on our website under Publications > [Recent Reports](#).



SSBA Report: School Food Program Survey

At the 2023 SSBA Fall General Assembly, boards of education in Saskatchewan adopted the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan School Board Association advocate provincially and nationally with the Canadian School Boards Association for the development of a healthy, universal, cost-shared school food program funded by the federal and provincial governments in consultation with all school boards. To assist with advocacy on this matter, and in follow up to a meeting with the Minister of Education, the SSBA sought data from the school divisions in Saskatchewan regarding school food programs. The summary report was shared, and ongoing advocacy efforts are underway related to this resolution and towards a provincially and nationally supported school food program. Also recently sent was a letter to the federal Minister of Finance.



SSBA Resource: EDIA Policy Advisory

At our 2022 Fall Assembly, an Inclusive Education Position Statement was adopted by the membership. To support boards of education to transfer that into board policy, an Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (EDIA) Policy Advisory was developed. The EDIA Policy Advisory was drafted based on a scan of similar policies by boards of education across Canada. A focus group was conducted to review the draft policy advisory and provide feedback. That focus group included board members (appointed by the SSBA), LEADS members (appointed by LEADS), and SASBO members (appointed by SASBO), as well as three technical experts. SSBA Legal has also reviewed the document. The final draft was approved by the SSBA Executive. Making clear the board's commitments to EDIA is a prudent governance approach. Boards of Education were encouraged to review the sample policy and adopt/adapt as they deem appropriate. The SSBA has also now made available a Self-Evaluation Tool to aid boards in their work in alignment with this, available on our website alongside the advisory under Publications > [Policy Advisories](#).



Spring Assembly Agenda

2024 SPRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"Forward Focus"

Sheraton Cavalier Hotel - Saskatoon



THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:30 a.m. Board Chair Council (South/West)
SSBA Executive and Boards Chairs or designate only
- 12:30 p.m. Registration Desk Opens (Conference Foyer)
- 1:00 p.m. Public Section (Centre/East)
Catholic Section (South/West)
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Local Democratic Voice: Update on CSBA Research Study – Dr. Katina Pollock and Ruth Nielsen (Centre / East)
- 4:15 p.m. Recess – Supper on own
- 7:00 p.m. Registration Desk re-opens (Conference Foyer)
- 7:30 p.m. Welcome – President Jaimie Smith-Windsor (Centre/East)
- 7:35 p.m. Greetings – Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Education
- 7:45 p.m. President’s Address – Jaimie Smith-Windsor
- 7:55 p.m. Executive Director’s Address – Darren McKee
- 8:00 p.m. Keynote Address:
Murray Mandryk, Regina Leader Post
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn – Social (West/Centre/East)

Smudging:

Smudging is a tradition observed by many Indigenous cultures which involves the use of one or more medicines gathered from the earth. Indigenous Peoples in Saskatchewan generally use sweetgrass, sages, cedars, and other plants for smudging. To smudge is an act of purifying the mind and physical surroundings. Smudging provides an opportunity for people to stop, slow down, and become mindful and centered. This allows people to remember, connect and be grounded in the event, task, or purpose at hand. Everyone is invited to attend the smudging.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:30 a.m. Registration Desk Opens (Conference Foyer)
- 7:30 a.m. Smudging (West)
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (Centre/East)
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome – President, Jaimie Smith-Windsor
- 8:50 a.m. Saskatchewan Broadband Action Committee
- 9:20 a.m. Land-Based Learning: Ile-a-la-Crosse School Division
- 10:15 a.m. SSBA Vision Renewal Update (Jill Welke)
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Networking Groups
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon Buffet
- 12:45 p.m. Choice of Session:
 - Student Assessment in Saskatchewan: Dr. Scott Tunison (Centre/East)
 - Equitable Education for Students with Reading Disabilities: Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (South)
 - Learning From Each Other (West)
- 1:45 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. Working Towards a National School Food Policy in Canada: A Saskatchewan Research Perspective - Dr. Rachel Engler-Stringer (Centre/East)
- 3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks / Spring General Assembly Concludes



"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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Calendar Update

Upcoming SSBA Events in 2024:

General Insurance Plan Loss Prevention Seminar

March 28, Saskatoon

Spring Assembly

April 11-12, Saskatoon

Employee Benefits Plan Seminar

May 16-17, Saskatoon

Trustee Academy

There were 80 registered participants for this year's Trustee Academy, which was held virtually. Topics were:

Indigenous Education: Implementing the Indigenous Education Responsibility Framework

Presenter: Felice McKay

An Introduction to the SSBA Governance Handbook

Presenter: Ted Amendt

Enterprise Risk Management

Presenters: Jeff McNaughton & Ted Amendt

Board Governance: Oversight of Financial Reports

Presenter: Catherine Vu

Strategic Planning for Boards of Education

Presenters: Jill Welke & Quintin Robertson

Director of Education Evaluation

Presenters: April Blondeau & Ted Amendt

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SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The SSBA has updated information and provided a complete 2024 School Board Elections package on [our website](#) for your reference and use. The documents are searchable PDFs and can be printed off as a whole package or in sections if you wish. The package includes:

- Important Dates
- Role of a School Board Member
- Running for Election
- Designation of Taxes
- Voting in School Board Elections