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# SCHOOL NUTRITION — CHALLENGE —

YOUR SCHOOL COULD **WIN 1 OF 20 PRIZES** OF \$20,000



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

To celebrate the 20th year of the Mosaic Challenge in 2026, we're launching 20 for 20. That means 20 schools across the province will each receive a \$20,000 grant for a total of \$400,000 funding from Mosaic.

The SSBA and The Mosaic Company are delighted to announce the 2026 Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge is now open to all Saskatchewan schools. Learn more about it inside this issue!

### Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge – 20 for 20!



<https://youtu.be/cdyqyrc0JcU>



<https://youtu.be/1Dd3ikkv4jY>

Check out our videos on YouTube announcing 20 for 20 and showcasing last year’s recipient school projects! And for more information and access the online application form, please visit our website: <https://saskschoolboards.ca/partner-organizations/mosaic-school-nutrition-challenge/>

### Trustee Academy

The 2026 SSBA Trustee Academy was held virtually in January. The event covered a variety of session topics, including the Role of the Board Chair, Enterprise Risk

Management, Governing Without Administering, and Conflict Resolution & Communication. There were 93 people registered to take part in the event.

Presentations from Trustee Academy are now available on the SSBA website: <https://saskschoolboards.ca/events/1/past-events/>

### SSBA AI Working Advisory Group



Following the Saskatchewan AI Summit in Saskatoon in January, where SSBA Executive Director Darren McKee spoke as a part of a panel (left), the first meeting (right)



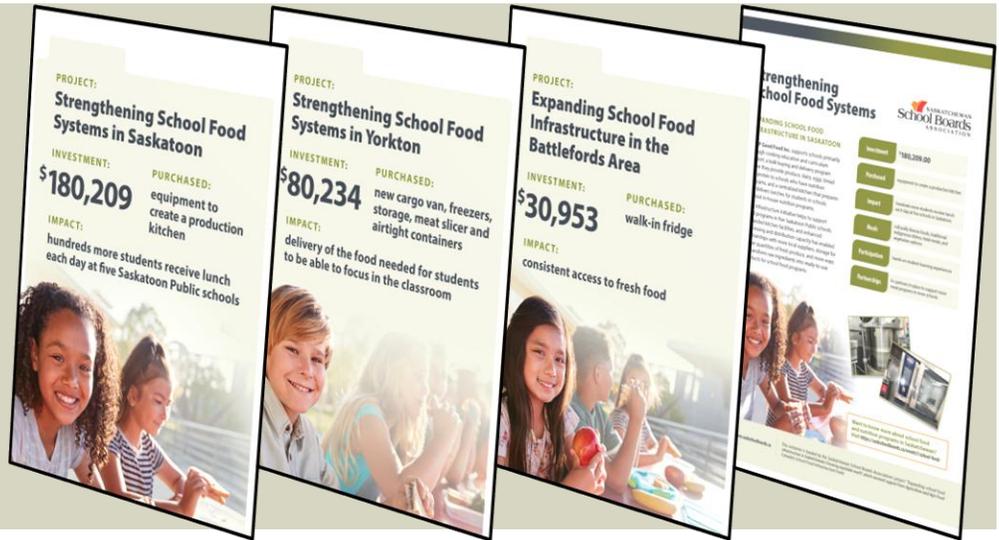
of the SSBA Artificial Intelligence in Education Policy Advisory Framework Working Advisory Group was held. The WAG includes representatives from numerous

organizations and was established by direction of member boards via adopted resolution to support development of policy guidance on AI for boards to adapt or adopt.

## Strengthening School Food Systems in Saskatchewan

One-pagers and social media posts are starting to be shared for initiatives funded by the SSBA's project "Expanding school food infrastructure in Saskatchewan: Ensuring equitable reach", which received support from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's School Food Infrastructure Fund. Check out our social media accounts and learn more on our website:

<https://saskschoolboards.ca/events1/school-food/>



## 2026 National Reconciliation Partnership Award

Nominations now open!



Nominations for the 2026 National Reconciliation Partnership Award are now open. The Canadian School Boards Association established the National Reconciliation Partnership Award to recognize meaningful partnerships between Indigenous communities and publicly funded school boards from coast to coast to coast, including First Nations, Métis and Inuit school boards and educational authorities. Learn more: <https://www.cdnsba.org/national-reconciliation-partnership-award/>

## 2026 Spring Assembly Keynote Speaker

Dr. Niigaanwewidam James Sinclair is Anishinaabe and originally from St. Peter's (Little Peguis) Indian Settlement near Selkirk, Manitoba. He is an award-winning writer, editor and activist who was named one of Monocle Magazine's "Canada's Top 20 Most Influential People" and he won the 2018 Canadian columnist of the year at the National Newspaper Awards for

his bi-weekly columns in The Winnipeg Free Press. His creative work can be found in books such as *The Exile Edition of Native Canadian Fiction* and Drama, newspapers like The Guardian, and online with CBC Books: Canada Writes. He is also the co-editor of the award-winning *Manitowapow: Aboriginal Writings from the Land of Water* (Highwater Press, 2011),

*Centering Anishinaabeg Studies: Understanding the World Through Stories* (Michigan State University Press, 2013) and *The Winter We Danced: the Past, the Future and the Idle No More Movement* (Arbeiter Ring Press, 2014). Currently at the U of Manitoba, Niigaan teaches courses in Indigenous literatures, cultures, histories, and politics and is a proud Treaty One member.



*"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 dates in 2026:

### General Insurance Plan Loss Prevention Seminar

March 26  
Saskatoon

### 2026 Spring Assembly

"Connections"  
April 16-17  
Saskatoon

## 2026 Spring Assembly Agenda

### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

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. Keynote: Niigaan James Sinclair

4:15 p.m. Recess – Supper on own

7:00 p.m. Registration Desk re-opens (Conference Foyer)

7:30 p.m. President's Address – Shawn Davidson  
Executive Director's Address – Darren McKee

7:45 p.m. Greetings – Minister (TBD)

8:00 p.m. Development of a Provincial Northern/Rural/Remote  
Education Strategy: An Interim Report - SELU

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 17

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, Shawn Davidson

9:00 a.m. Provincial Education Plan Update

9:45 a.m. Equitable Education for Students with Reading Disabilities –  
Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Networking Groups (see second page for meeting rooms)

12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet

12:45 p.m. Choice of Session:

- Municipal Employees Pension Plan: An Overview - Planner
- Learning From Each Other (South) (see second page for instructions)

1:45 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. Board Member Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest – Jill  
Welke, Ted Amendt, and SSBA Legal Services

3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks / Spring General Assembly Concludes

To view a full-page version and for more details, please visit [our website](#).

Read more about the keynote speaker on page 3 of this newsletter.