

Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge Winners Announced

After winning the Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge for 2017, 10 Saskatchewan schools are each receiving \$10,000 to support student nutrition.

“At Mosaic, we partner with organizations, like the Saskatchewan School Boards Association, who are making a difference for families and children in our province,” said Sarah Fedorchuk, Senior Director of Public Affairs for The Mosaic Company. “Food security is at the core of Mosaic’s mission. We recognize how improved nutrition can have a positive effect on a child’s ability to learn and we are excited to empower these Challenge winners with the funds they need to support their kids.”

The grants will support winning projects that have goals including developing or expanding school and community gardens; improving education for students and communities about nutrition, cooking, agriculture, food safety and First Nations learnings; purchasing kitchen equipment; and, developing or furthering school breakfast and snack programs.



Many schools from across the province submitted their projects to compete for a total of \$100,000 in prizes, provided by Mosaic. Schools receiving grants this year are part of the Good Spirit, Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Northwest, Prairie South, Saskatchewan Rivers, Saskatoon Public and Horizon school divisions;

the Conseil des écoles francosaskoises; and, Key First Nation and Muskowekwan First Nation.

With Mosaic and the SSBA as partners, the Extreme School Makeover Challenge began in 2006, to encourage grassroots initiatives to improve student nutrition.

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2017 Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge Winners

<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS</i>
A. E. Peacock Collegiate Prairie South School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing school learning garden • Educate students on nutrition / cooking • Implement an environment club
Almond Tree Christian Academy Key First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower creation of an outdoor garden • Include Sauteaux knowledge • Engage community partners and experts
Big River Public High School Saskatchewan Rivers School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase five indoor tower gardens • Provide a food station for all students • Create space for interaction and learning
Bishop Murray High School Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing breakfast program • Implement health / nutrition education • Improve existing community garden
Ecole Ducharme Conseil des écoles franskoises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase kitchen appliances • Add breakfast program accessible to all • Enhance nutrition / life skills education
J. H. Moore Elementary School Northwest School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing community garden • Enhance agriculture / nutrition learning • Increase student cooking opportunities
Miller School Good Spirit School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an outdoor classroom • Implement green methods and practices • Educate on settlement in garden design
Muskowekwan School Muskowekwan First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase kitchen equipment • Ensure nutrition programming for all • Enhance food safety and efficiency
Sutherland School Saskatoon Public Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase kitchen equipment • Provide Food Safety certification • Foster nutrition programming for all
Wakaw School Horizon School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create garden / outdoor learning space • Develop a healthy eating initiative • Implement an after-school cooking class

Changes to Bill 63 Address Some Concerns of School Boards

Some of the concerns school boards in Saskatchewan brought forward about a bill to change legislation governing education have been addressed in amendments made at the committee stage.

In particular, Bill 63, *The Education Amendment Act, 2017*, no longer repealed sections about board rights and responsibilities from legislation into regulations. The revised bill also clarified language about the local election of trustees. Those had been among concerns identified by school boards.

“We appreciate that the government listened to boards and the public and has now made some amendments to Bill 63,” said Dr. Shawn Davidson, president of the

SSBA. “Trustees are elected to be the voice of public education. It is vital those roles and responsibilities are preserved in law.”

While those issues have been addressed with the new changes, there remains concern for boards about Bill 63 and the implications of some of its other clauses. Much work is ahead as boards seek to collaborate with the government about the future of the province’s education system.

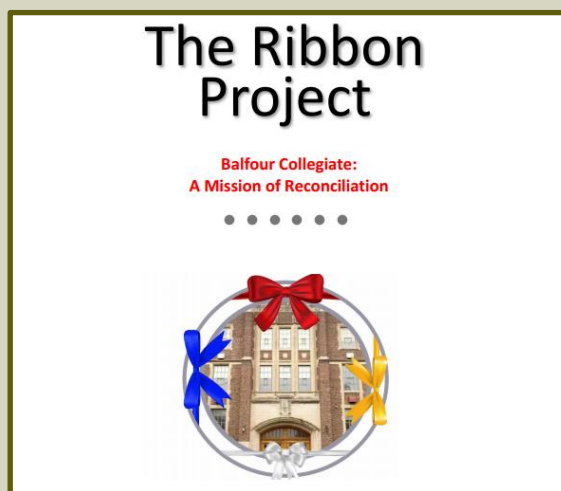
“The SSBA is calling for a full review of *The Education Act, 1995*, with the goal of having an updated piece of legislation that truly reflects the needs of the province going forward,” Davidson said. “We would like to see an entirely new act,

developed based on collaboration, introduced next year.”

Meanwhile, dealing with significant funding shortfalls continues to be the focus for boards throughout the province as they look toward the upcoming school year. Boards believe all children should have the resources they need to succeed, regardless of where they live or their personal circumstances.

“We are pleased that Bill 63 did not go ahead as originally proposed and we thank the public for adding their voice on that important topic,” said Davidson. “We need communities to continue to stand up for investment in our education system and its importance to the future of our province.”

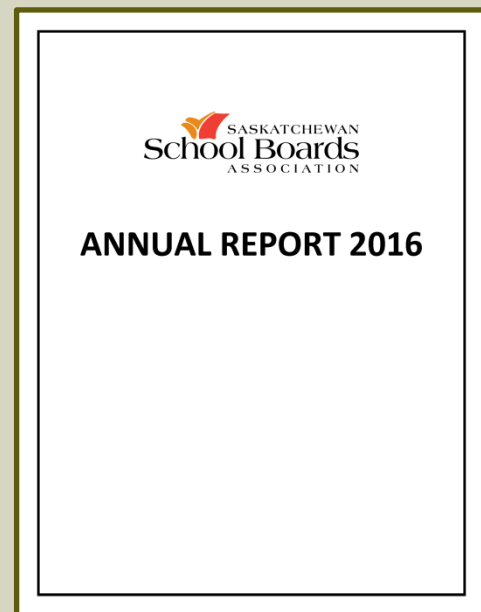
Showcasing Reconciliation in Saskatchewan Education



Balfour Collegiate Ribbon Project

<http://saskschoolboards.ca/wp-content/uploads/Balfour-Ribbon-Project-Pamphlet.pdf>

SSBA Annual Report Released



<http://saskschoolboards.ca/wp-content/uploads/ANNUAL-REPORT-2016.pdf>



"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 Events in 2017:

National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education & CSBA Congress

July 5-8

<http://csba2017.ca/>

SSBA Fall Members' Council

Sept. 21-22

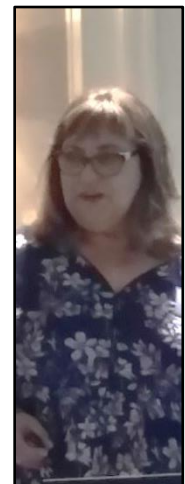
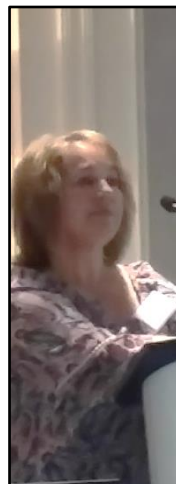
<http://saskschoolboards.ca/event/members-council-sep17/>

For more information, see the SSBA website under [Events](#).

Employee Benefits Plan Seminar Photos



The SSBA EBP Seminar was held May 10-12 in Saskatoon.



SSBA EBP staff members presented at the 2017 seminar.