

Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge Winners Announced

Ten Saskatchewan schools are each receiving \$10,000 to support student nutrition after winning the Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge for 2018.

“This year we received a record 70 applications for the Makeover Challenge and the winning schools and their projects are once again impressive and inspiring,” said Sarah Fedorchuk, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Government Relations at The Mosaic Company. “We’re very excited to hear more about their efforts to make nutrition a daily part of student lives with the funding Mosaic provides.”

The grants will support winning projects that have goals including developing or upgrading indoor and outdoor kitchen and garden facilities; improving education for students and communities about nutrition, cooking, agriculture, food safety and First Nations and Métis knowledge; aiding in the path toward reconciliation; and, developing or furthering 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 Holy Trinity, Horizon, Ile a la Crosse, Northern Lights, Prairie Valley, Regina Catholic, Regina Public and Saskatoon Public school divisions and Muskoday First Nation.

With Mosaic and the SSBA as partners, the Makeover Challenge began in 2006, to encourage

grassroots initiatives to improve student nutrition.

“We are grateful for the ongoing generous support from Mosaic in funding this effort,” said Dr. Shawn Davidson, SSBA President. “We are proud of our continued partnership in support of the Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge and promoting improved nutrition.”

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2018 Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge Winners

<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS</i>
Bert Fox High School Prairie Valley School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement universal snack program • Include training and skills development • Purchase kitchen equipment
Churchill Community High School Northern Lights School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aid in the path toward reconciliation • Construct wild game preparation station • Expand garden and compost programs
Cudworth School Horizon School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand lunch program • Implement cooking classes and club • Renovate kitchen, purchase equipment
École Connaught Community School Regina Public Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase existing snack program • Implement cooking classes • Implement lunch club
Howard Coad Elementary School Saskatoon Public Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create indoor and outdoor gardens • Implement cooking classes • Enhance existing nutrition programs
Miller Comprehensive Catholic H.S. Regina Catholic School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand existing community garden • Enhance agriculture / nutrition learning • Improve existing garden
Muskoday School Muskoday First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement after-school cooking club • Include traditional knowledge • Focus on fishing, gathering, gardening
North Valley Elementary School Prairie Valley School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance existing nutrition programs • Create calendar and recipe book • Purchase kitchen equipment
Rossignol Elementary School Ile a la Crosse School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach about Métis culture • Create outdoor cooking facility • Include traditional knowledge
Vanier Collegiate Holy Trinity Catholic School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop sustainable school business • Promote healthy food choices • Purchase kitchen / garden equipment

National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day



Image Credit: Government of Canada

In 2009, with the passing of a unanimous motion in the House of Commons, June was declared [National Indigenous History Month](#). Each June, Canadians are invited to celebrate the heritage, rich diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. All Canadians are invited to take part in National Indigenous History Month events and festivities.

National Indigenous Peoples History Month is to celebrate and acknowledge the significant contributions Indigenous peoples played, and continued to play, in the development of Canada. This month provides us opportunity to honour and celebrate Indigenous culture and heritage. It also encourages all Canadians to reflect on the strength of present day First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, and their hopes for the future.

June 21 is [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#). This day was chosen because of the cultural significance of the summer solstice and because many Indigenous Peoples communities mark this day as a time to celebrate their heritage.

In 1982 the National Indian Brotherhood (now the Assembly of First Nations) called for the creation of June 21 as National Aboriginal Solidarity Day.

In 1995 this call was renewed when The Sacred Assembly, a national conference of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people chaired by Elijah Harper, called for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous peoples.

In 1996, National Aboriginal Day (now National Indigenous Peoples Day) was proclaimed by former Governor General Roméo A. LeBlanc through a [Proclamation Declaring June 21 of Each Year as National Aboriginal Day](#).

This is a special day to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples in Canada. It has now become a day in the Canadian calendar when First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples express pride in their rich diverse history, traditions and cultures with their families, friends, neighbours and visitors.

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a day for the Saskatchewan School

Boards Association, its member boards and for all of Canada to honour the history, traditions, cultures, languages and contributions of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples.

It is an honour to have First Nations trustees serve on SSBA's [Aboriginal Council](#). Along with the other trustees across Saskatchewan, these leaders continue to serve a vital role Saskatchewan's publicly-funded education system. The women and men who serve on the boards of education are committed to serving children, youth, families and communities.

Resource Links:

- [SSBA FNME Achievements and Resolutions](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding on Treaty Education](#)
- [National Indigenous Peoples Day Learning Resources](#)

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Calendar Update

Upcoming Events in 2018:

NTGAE and CSBA Congress 2018

Halifax – July 4-7

SSBA Employee Benefits Plan Seminar

Regina – Oct. 10-12

SSBA Fall General Assembly

Regina – Nov. 15-17

<https://saskschoolboards.ca/events/>

Education Plan Meeting Summary

The following update is regarding the most recent Education Plan Meeting. These meetings are to prepare to co-construct an education plan beyond 2020.

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant, Education Legislative Secretary Terry Dennis and Deputy Minister Rob Currie met with Saskatchewan education sector partners on May 31 to begin discussions with regards to developing an education plan for all Saskatchewan Pre-K to Grade 12 students beyond 2020.

Representatives from the SSBA along with those from Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI), Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

(STF), League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents of Saskatchewan (LEADS) and Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials (SASBO) discussed the development of next steps in the co-construction of an education plan.

All partner organizations affirmed that they will participate in the co-construction of a plan that has a common goal to provide an excellent education for all Pre-K to Grade 12 students.

A small working group consisting of representatives from each organization discuss details about an upcoming "Education Summit" the Ministry will host, tentatively scheduled for October 2018.

SSBA Annual Report Released

The SSBA's 2017 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are completed and available at the following link:

<https://saskschoolboards.ca/wp-content/uploads/ANNUAL-REPORT-2017.pdf>

