

Recipient Schools Announced for 2020 Mosaic Challenge

Ten schools in Saskatchewan will each receive a \$10,000 grant to support student nutrition as part of this year's Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge.

"The success of this program grows year over year, thanks in large part to the commitment from educators in our province," said Sarah Fedorchuk, The Mosaic Company's Vice President, Public Affairs & Government Relations, North America.

"Now, in its 14th year, Mosaic remains committed to funding the Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge to ensure 10 more schools can provide healthier school environments for their students," Fedorchuk continued.

Schools from across the province submitted projects to compete for the total of \$100,000 in prizes, provided by Mosaic. Recipient schools are part of the Good Spirit, Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Horizon, North East, Prairie South, Regina Catholic, Saskatchewan Rivers, Saskatoon Public and South East Cornerstone divisions and the Muskoday First Nation.



To encourage grassroots initiatives to help improve student nutrition, the Mosaic Challenge began in 2006. Mosaic and the SSBA have continued to partner for the initiative since then.

"Mosaic has been a very generous partner in support of improved nutrition environments

for the students of our province and we are pleased to continue this program during these unprecedented times," said Dr. Shawn Davidson, president of the SSBA. "Saskatchewan's 27 school boards are thankful for Mosaic's ongoing commitment."

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2020 Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge Winners

<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS</i>
Avonlea School (Avonlea) Prairie South School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesign existing food lab • Implement Food Studies course • Develop gardening and lunch programs
Big River Public High School (Big River) Saskatchewan Rivers School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement universal breakfast program • Empower students to run programs • Buy healthy food for vending machine
Central Park Elementary School (Nipawin) North East School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate existing servery • Celebrate First Nation and Métis cultures • Purchase commercial dishwasher
Kamsack Comprehensive Institute (Kamsack) Good Spirit School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and support outdoor education • Include teachings of Saulteaux Elders • Engage parents in activities / workshops
Mount Royal Collegiate (Saskatoon) Saskatoon Public School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance universal breakfast program • Use data to promote sustainability • Increase environmental sustainability
Muskoday Community School (Muskoday) Muskoday First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement reconciliation project • Develop community garden • Teach traditional food practices
Oxbow Prairie Horizons School (Oxbow) South East Cornerstone School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase frequency of breakfast program • Implement afterschool cooking classes • Host nutrition education workshops
St. Luke Alternative School (Regina) Regina Catholic School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase frequency of lunch program • Provide access to fresh produce daily • Focus on Indigenous cultures
St. Mary's Wellness & Education Centre (Saskatoon) St. Paul's Catholic School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote reconciliation and cultures • Expand outdoor education • Implement cooking classes
Watson School (Watson) Horizon School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate existing kitchen • Implement Food Studies course • Develop cooking club

SSBA Responds to 2020-21 Budget Announcement

The SSBA recognizes that the provincial government has committed to supporting schools financially, considering the pandemic context and challenges to fiscal capacity, with June’s 2020-21 budget announcement.

“We will continue working closely with government and all of our sector partners to ensure safety during the pandemic and supports for the education system going

forward,” said SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson. “The SSBA is appreciative of the commitment to education represented in the operating and capital funding reiterated in the announcement.”

Davidson said the budget provides some assurance to boards.

“The government has taken a step toward addressing calls for predictability,” he said. “Capital investment is also significant.

“Operating funding for 2020-21 will enable boards to continue doing what they need to do at a base level, though falls short of the significant investment we hoped for to help address some of the challenges in classrooms,” he continued.

The full effects of the provincial budget will be better understood going forward as pandemic response and planning for learning in the fall continues, Davidson noted.

Teachers’ Collective Agreement

On April 22, the Government-Trustee Bargaining Committee and the Teachers’ Bargaining Committee met and reached a tentative Provincial Collective Bargaining Agreement, and in a vote held May 19 to 21, the province’s teachers voted 85 per cent in support of the new four-year agreement.

The collective agreement will be effective from Sept. 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2023.

Annual Report

The SSBA’s 2019 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are now available on the SSBA’s website at the following link:

- <https://saskschoolboards.ca/publications/annual-reports/>



National Indigenous History Month and Indigenous Peoples Day



In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities.

In co-operation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of

Canada has chosen June 21, the summer solstice, to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day.

National Indigenous History Month and Peoples Day is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the contributions First Nations, Inuit and Métis people have made in shaping Canada.

Due to the pandemic, the Government of Canada invites Canadians to celebrate at home.

While celebrations and events may be different this year than in the past, Canadians can still share and learn from stories, traditions and culture in new ways that keep people together and connected.



"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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The Saskatchewan School Boards Association is part of the Provincial Education Response Planning Team that is working hard to ensure the safest and most appropriate way of offering education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stay up-to-date at:

www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19

The SSBA continues to offer all services to our members.

SSBA Events and Staff

With continued focus and efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SSBA is taking direction and following the updates and information provided by Canadian and Saskatchewan health authorities to guide decision-making and the Association is monitoring the developments closely.

The SSBA in March announced its decision to postpone the Spring Assembly that was originally scheduled to be held in April in

Saskatoon, along with in-person meetings scheduled to take place in conjunction with the Assembly.

SSBA staff are working from home and continuing to provide services to our members.

All staff contact information is available through calling and emailing as usual and these details can be found on the SSBA's website at the following link:

- <https://saskschoolboards.ca/about-us/staff-contact-list/>

Elections Package Available

In support of the upcoming school board elections taking place on Monday, Nov. 9, the SSBA has updated information and provided a complete 2020 School Board Elections package.

The documents are searchable PDFs and can be printed off as a whole package or in sections including Dates, Voting, Running, Role and Designation of Taxes.

The package is available on the SSBA's website at the following link:

- <http://saskschoolboards.ca/about-us/advance-nominations/>

