

Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge Recipients Announced

Ten schools in Saskatchewan will each receive a \$15,000 grant to support student nutrition after being selected to win this year's Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge.

The Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge has reached 103 Saskatchewan schools to date, and every year, more and more applications come in," said Sarah Fedorchuk, Mosaic's Vice President Government & Public Affairs – North America. "For 2023, we increased project funding to \$15,000 from \$10,000 to reflect rising costs and greater needs. Each of these 10 impactful projects will create healthier school nutrition environments for kids across the province for years to come."

The grants will support winning projects that have goals including implementing or expanding nutrition programs, enhancing kitchen and garden facilities, increasing educational opportunities for students and families and supporting reconciliation and cultural projects.

Chosen from applicants from across the province, schools receiving grants this year are

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governed by the Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Living Sky, North East, Northwest, Northern Lights, Prairie Valley, Prairie South and Saskatchewan Rivers school boards and the Battlefords First Nation High School Joint Board of Education. To encourage grassroots initiatives to help improve student nutrition, this program began in 2006.

"We are very thankful for Mosaic's longstanding dedication to this program, now in its 17th year," said Jaimie Smith-Windsor, SSBA president. "We want to make particular note of our gratitude for the new funding total of \$150,000 that Mosaic put in place starting with this year."

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2023 Mosaic School Nutrition Challenge Recipients

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| <i>SCHOOL:</i> | <i>PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:</i> |
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| École Arthur Pechey Public School (Prince Albert) Saskatchewan Rivers Public Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Reconciliation Project • Implement Snack Program • Expand Agriculture Programs |
| Bishop Murray High School (Saskatoon) Greater Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Reconciliation Project • Build Outdoor Gathering Spaces • Provide Indigenous Knowledge Transfer |
| Churchill Community High School (La Ronge) Northern Lights Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Microgreens Program • Purchase Equipment • Grow Food for School and Home |
| Fort Qu'Appelle Elementary Community School (Fort Qu'Appelle) Prairie Valley Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Indigenous and Métis Cooking Classes • Purchase Commercial Equipment • Implement Cooking Classes for Parents |
| Hudson Bay Community School (Hudson Bay) North East Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Foraging Workshops • Enhance Existing Nutrition Programs • Purchase Commercial Equipment |
| King George Elementary School (Moose Jaw) Prairie South Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Classroom Food Stations • Implement Student-led Nutrition Programs • Educate Students on Nutrition |
| Luseland School (Luseland) Living Sky Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance Existing Agriculture Programs • Implement Daily Universal Breakfast • Implement Weekly Hot Lunch |
| Minahik Waskahigan High School (Pinehouse) Northern Lights Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow & Provide Access to Fresh Produce • Implement Composting and Rainwater Collection • Implement Student-led Programs |
| Sākwew High School (North Battleford) Battlefords First Nations Joint Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate Existing Kitchen • Implement Daily Snack Program • Provide Cooking Classes and Certification |
| Turtleford Community School (Turtleford) Northwest Board of Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Student Cooking Classes • Implement Land-based Learning • Renovate Cooking Lab |



Association Activity



The Employee Benefits Plan Seminar was held May 4-5 in Regina.



National
Indigenous
Peoples Day

#NIPD2023



June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. In cooperation with Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada chose June 21, the summer solstice, for National Indigenous Peoples Day.

SSBA President Jaimie Smith-Windsor participated in a number of media interviews in May and June:



“School boards have been calling for funding and investments in education for quite some time now. These dollars are going to be useful — they’re going to help boards avoid some of the cuts currently being considered at their tables and maybe get closer to maintaining status quo operations for next year — but they will fall short of the kind of investment that’s needed in the underfunded education system.” – Jaimie Smith-Windsor
(New funding will help school boards, but not enough long term: STF, SSBA – June 2)



“One-off funding just doesn’t work for boards. Predictability is so important to education, and that’s what’s needed to create the kind of stability that we need in Saskatchewan education. We would look for sufficiency and predictability that is built right into funding distribution. We also look for those announcements to come on the budget day so boards can sit down and do the good work of planning for the next year.” –Jaimie Smith-Windsor
(Sask. School Boards Association and Teachers’ Federation react to funding boost – June 2)



"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 2023:

Education Scholarship Application Deadline

Aug. 31

Award of Distinction Nomination Deadline

Sept. 30

Premier's Award Submission Deadline

Sept. 30

Fall Assembly

Nov. 12-14

Regina

Annual Report



The SSBA's 2022 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are now available on the Association's website at the following link:

<https://saskschoolboards.ca/publications/annualreports/>



The SSBA is participating in a campaign thanking teachers and staff in June.