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Orange Shirt Day Recognized in Saskatchewan

"Orange Shirt Day" was officially proclaimed again this year in Saskatchewan, on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.

School boards throughout the province, together with communities across the country, recognize the significance of this day for reflection and learning.

Sept. 30 is also proclaimed federally in Canada as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

"Orange Shirt Day represents an opportunity for expanding our understanding of history and committing to reconciliation," said Dr. Shawn Davidson, president of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA).

"The SSBA and Saskatchewan's 27 school boards are encouraging everyone to participate."

Orange Shirt Day is part of a broader national movement.

This movement encourages truth, understanding, and reconciliation while fostering hope for future generations.

Since 2016, the Government of Saskatchewan has proclaimed Orange Shirt Day every year at the SSBA's request.

"Everyone has a role to play in reconciliation," Education Minister Everett Hindley said. "By proclaiming Orange Shirt Day, we are acknowledging the effects of residential schools on the people of our province and are demonstrating our continued commitment to supporting the success and well-being of all students."

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SASKATCHEWAN School Boards ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

1:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Opens *(2nd floor Pre-Function Area)*
1:00 p.m.	Board Chairs Council *(Campania)*
4:30 p.m.	Catholic Section Meeting *(Lombardy Room)*
4:30 p.m.	Public Section Meeting *(Umbria Room)*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 a.m.	Pipe Ceremony *(Verdi)*
7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Opens *(2nd floor Pre-Function Area)*
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet *(2nd floor Pre-Function Area)*
8:15 a.m.	Welcome/AGM Opens *(Trentino/Tuscany)* - SSBA President Address - SSBA Interim Executive Director Address - Greetings from the Government of Saskatchewan
8:45 a.m.	President and Vice-President Nominations
9:00 a.m.	Presentation by the Office of the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan
9:55 a.m.	Partner Greetings - STF
10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 a.m.	Annual General Meeting of the SSBA • 2027 Strategic Plan and Budget • Intro to AGM Procedures
11:00 a.m.	Networking Groups: – Closed Session *(groups and room locations on reverse)*
12:00 p.m.	Luncheon Buffet *(2nd floor Pre-Function Area)*
12:45 p.m.	Student Entertainment – Regina Catholic Blue Jazz Band *(Trentino/Tuscany)*
1:00 p.m.	Partner Greetings - LEADS - SASBO
1:10 p.m.	General Insurance Plan Annual Report - Jerome Niezgoda
1:20 p.m.	Employee Benefits Plan Annual Report - Ronna Pethick
1:30 p.m.	2026 SSBA Services Review – Dr. Christopher Cameron, Objective Research and Evaluation Inc.
2:00 p.m.	Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 (continued)

4:30 p.m.	Meetings Recess for the Afternoon
6:00 p.m.	Cash Bar Reception *(2nd floor Pre-Function Area)*
7:00 p.m.	Association Banquet and Awards *(Trentino/Tuscany)*
7:15 p.m.	Buffet Dinner *(Trentino/Tuscany)*
8:00 p.m.	Awards Presentation • Greetings from the Lieutenant Governor
8:45 p.m.	Networking

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 a.m.	Smudging *(Verdi)*
7:45 a.m.	Breakfast buffet *(2nd floor Pre-Function Area)*
8:30 a.m	Greetings from the Saskatchewan Opposition
8:45 a.m.	President and Vice-President Elections
9:30 a.m.	Indigenous Constituency Election *(Campania Room)*
9:30 a.m.	Session for Boards not in Elections –Artificial Intelligence Policy Advisory – Dr. Alec Couros *(Trentino/Tuscany Room)*
10:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 a.m.	Central Constituency Election *(Campania Room)*
10:30 a.m.	Session for Boards not in Elections –Protecting Local Democracy: Lessons Learned – Nancy Pynch-Worthylake & Alan Campbell *(Trentino/Tuscany Room)*
11:15 a.m.	Urban Public Constituency Election *(Campania Room)*
11:15 a.m.	Session for Boards not in Elections – Fundamentals of Privacy Law for School Divisions – Monica Couture, SSBA Legal Services *(Trentino/Tuscany Room)*
12:00 p.m.	2026 Fall General Assembly *(Trentino/Tuscany Room)* - Introduce New Executive - Oath of Office
12:15 p.m.	AGM Adjourns Lunch to go

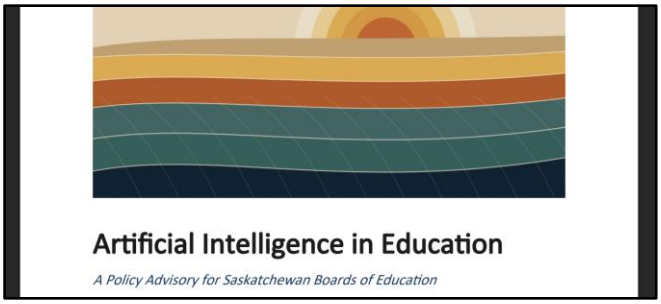
Association Activity

On the first day back-to-school for many, SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson (right) gave a live interview with host Evan Bray (centre) on safety and other topics. Education Minister Everett Hindley (left) was also interviewed.

The SSBA hosted two virtual Lunch and Learns in October, including the session titled above, which was well attended with about 80 participants.

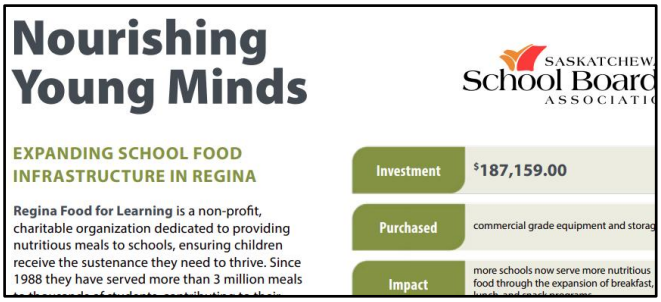
SSBA President Dr. Shawn Davidson brought greetings to the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association Conference & AGM in October.

SSBA Interim Executive Director Ted Amendt and President Shawn Davidson attended the Canadian School Boards Association's October meeting.



The SSBA Artificial Intelligence Education Policy Advisory Working Advisory Group has completed its work, which will be released to boards this fall.

*The SSBA's one-pager and discussion paper on Relocatable Classrooms is available for review under the Advocacy section of the **SSBA website**.*



*All 15 one-pagers developed to highlight the recipients of School Food Infrastructure Funding have now been released and are available **online**.*

"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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Dr. Shawn Davidson

Vice-President:
Lori Kidney

Catholic Constituency:
Jerome Niezgoda

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Northern Constituency:
Nathan Favel

Southern Constituency:
Lisa Grudnizki

Urban Public Constituency:
Donna Banks

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Calendar Update

Upcoming dates in 2026-27:

Fall Assembly
"Vision to Impact: Good Governance for Student Success"
Nov. 15-17, 2026 | Regina
See agenda on page 2!

Trustee Academy
Feb. 2, 2027 | Virtual
Registration opens soon!

Keynote Speaker:
With 30 years of experience, Leanne Nyirfa is one of Saskatchewan's leading independent communications consultants. The SSBA will also be offering in-depth training with Leanne to Board Chairs in January.

Spring Assembly
April 8-9, 2027 | Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Rural Education Conference
"Cultivating Rural Education"
May 2-4, 2027 | Moose Jaw

Canadian School Boards Association
Trustee Gathering on Education, Innovation, and Reconciliation
"Seeding Innovation and Growing Success *Together*"
July 6-8, 2027 | Regina

Keynote Speakers:
Tyler Smith (left)
Cadmus Delorme (centre)
Matthew Corkum (right)