

PREMIER'S BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



BACKGROUND

The Premier's Award recognizes educational innovations and improvements focused on student achievement which have been advanced or directed by boards of education. Sponsor Xerox Canada provides one \$5,000 prize to the winner of the award. The prize is administered by the SSBA and will be awarded in conjunction with the annual Fall General Assembly. The prize is to be used to support or extend the innovation or project. The winner will later be asked to describe how the funds assisted in extending the project.

A panel established to review applications will select the award winner. The broad purpose is to recognize and celebrate board of education involvement in improving learning opportunities for Saskatchewan children and youth. Nomination materials will become the property of the SSBA and will be posted on the Association website. Other boards of education will be able to use the site to identify innovations and promising practices in school divisions and to establish contacts.

The Executive of the SSBA has by resolution supported the Premier's Award and the Association provides the necessary administrative support for the selection panel and award presentation.

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NOMINATIONS

Nominations must be completed and submitted electronically in PDF format by **Sept. 30** to admin@saskschoolboards.ca. The document should be limited to eight pages. The selection committee may request additional information if necessary.

The nomination should include the names of the School Division, Board Chairperson and Director of Education; the name or type of program being nominated; and, the goal of the program.

The nomination should also describe how the program addresses the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of direct board influence and participation in the innovation
- Innovative nature of the program or project
- Sustainability of the innovation within the present system or school
- Client (teachers, parents, students, SCCs) support for the innovation
- Partnerships in support of the innovation
- Evidence of improved student achievement
- Submission of a full description of the innovation to be posted on the Association website

Those submitting nominations are encouraged to review the [scoring rubric](#) posted with this information. For questions, please contact Ted Amendt, PhD at 306-569-0750. The SSBA will send a confirmation by email that the nomination has been received.

Please note that boards that have previously submitted and not received the award may resubmit a nomination for the same project, demonstrating additional evidence, sustainability, etc.

