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# News Release

## Saskatoon Public Schools Enrolment Up Significantly for 2022-2023

Saskatoon Public Schools (SPS) has released its official school enrolment for 2022-2023 and the numbers are higher than initially projected.

“We are seeing significant growth this year, especially in our elementary schools,” said SPS Board Chair Colleen MacPherson. “This is growth we are excited to see and will continue to build on but at the same time, we recognize that rapid growth like this puts increased pressure on our resources and facilities.”

In comparison to the 2021-2022 school year, SPS has 786 more students enrolled in Grades 1-8 for a total of 15,932. There are 1,942 kindergarten students enrolled this year, almost 100 more than last year. “What’s interesting with our youngest students is we have about 610 students registered in prekindergarten this year,” said MacPherson. “That means 88 percent of our prekindergarten spaces are taken, which is the highest level we have seen in years.”

Secondary schools experienced a slight dip in enrolment from 8,784 in 2021 to 8,776 this year. However, the SPS Newcomer Centre saw a record number of students and families accessing its services this summer and fall with 776 intakes versus 262 intakes last year.

SPS monitors enrolment patterns closely to assist in making efficient and effective use of facilities, and to fulfill the mandate of public education that is open to all. “The financial well-being of the school division is directly tied to annual enrolment,” explained MacPherson. “With this significant gain in enrolment, we expect the provincial government will once again make a mid-year funding adjustment, so we have the resources we need to support all students.”

Those supports can include ensuring adequate staffing levels in schools, addressing an even larger number of students with diverse needs, and putting the right programming in place to inspire all students to reach their potential.

“This unprecedented growth is exciting. It signals to us that more and more families are choosing Saskatoon Public Schools and we know that’s due to the diverse, innovative, and inclusive learning environments we have to offer, and to our incredible school staff who ensure every student is known, valued, and believed in”.

Saskatoon Public Schools is the largest school division in the province. It operates 48 elementary schools, 10 secondary schools, one associate school, and one alliance school. It serves approximately 27,000 students and employs more than 2,600 professional and support staff. Learn more at [www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca)

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