

News Release

Saskatoon Public Schools launches new production kitchen to nourish students and strengthen community

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SASKATOON — Saskatoon Public Schools (SPS) has officially opened its new production kitchen, a central facility that prepares approximately 1,000 nutritious meals each school day for students across the division. The facility is located inside Lakeview Church.

The new kitchen represents a major step forward in supporting student well-being and equitable access to healthy food. It was made possible through new funding awarded to Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation (SPSF) and via the Government of Canada's Healthy Canadians and Communities and School Food Infrastructure funds. The contributions of community partners such as CHEP, Lakeview Church, and the University of Saskatchewan were also critical.

"We know that hungry students can't learn," says Kim Stranden, SPS Board Chair. "This kitchen is an investment in our children, in education, and in our community. It will make a real and lasting difference for students who rely on school meals each day."

The kitchen operates as a hub for meal preparation and coordination. The facility supports schools where access to nutritious food is a key part of student success and well-being.

"This project would not have been possible without the dedication of our partners, funders, and community supporters," says Zeba Ahmad, CEO of SPSF. "It's a beautiful example of how collaboration can change lives for students and families."

Today's launch event (Oct. 17) brings together representatives from SPS, SPSF, funding partners, and community supporters. Guests will tour the facility, see the kitchen in action, and celebrate this milestone in advancing student health and learning.

Through initiatives like this one, SPS continues to demonstrate leadership in supporting students beyond the classroom—recognizing that nutrition, learning, and well-being are deeply connected.

About Saskatoon Public Schools

Saskatoon Public Schools (SPS) is the largest school division in Saskatchewan serving

close to 29,000 students and employing approximately 3,300 staff. SPS operates 47 elementary schools, one alliance school (Charles Red Hawk Elementary School on the Whitecap Dakota Nation), and 10 secondary schools in Saskatoon.

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