

Board of Education of Saskatoon School Division No. 13

Meeting of the Saskatoon Board of Education

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

310 – 21ST Street East – 6:30 p.m. – W.B. Doyle Board Room

Please note that all public board meetings are video recorded and [live streamed](#).

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Acknowledgement
3. Agenda

- 3.1. Adoption of Agenda

Proposed Board Motion: Move approval of the agenda.

- 3.2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

4. Celebrating Excellence

- 4.1. Camp Brain Power

5. Consent Items

The Chair will ask for a motion to receive the items, and to approve all recommendations contained therein. Prior to approving the motion, any trustee may request that a consent item be removed.

Proposed Board Motion: That the board approve the consent items as presented.

Decision

- 5.1. Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2025

Proposed Board Motion (if removed from consent items): That the board approve the minutes of the committee of the whole and regular board meetings held June 17, 2025.

- 5.2. Secure Destruction of Records

Proposed Board Motion (if removed from consent items): That the board approve the secure destruction of 82 boxes of accounting files from 2017-2018, and 10 boxes of employee files from 2017 that are eligible for destruction per the SSBA Records Retention and Disposal Guide.

Information

5.3. Correspondence

5.4. Ministry's Teacher Innovation and Support Fund

6. Reports from Administrative Staff

Information

6.1. School Opening Update

7. Delegation

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

9. Unfinished Business

9.1. Items Arising from the Committee of the Whole

10. Reports of Trustees

11. New Business

11.1. Transfer of Provincial Funding for Holmwood Land Purchase

Proposed Board Motion: That the board approve the payment of \$1,876,500 to the City of Saskatoon for Saskatoon Public Schools' share of the Holmwood joint-use high schools land purchase, using funds received from the provincial government for this purpose.

12. Notices of Motion

13. Questions by Trustees

14. Comments and Questions from the Public (must be related to a specific agenda item)

- Members of the public will have five minutes each to ask their question or make comments, for a total of 20 minutes per meeting.
- All comments or questions about specific agenda items must be submitted in writing by noon the day before the meeting being considered. If the Monday before the Tuesday board meeting is a statutory holiday, the request must be submitted by noon the Friday before the meeting.
- Information on the process for speaking at a board meeting can be found at [Board Meetings - Saskatoon Public Schools \(spsd.sk.ca\)](https://www.spsd.sk.ca/BoardMeetings).

15. Adjournment

Proposed Board Motion: That the board adjourn to the call of the chair or the board meeting of Tuesday, October 14, 2025.



MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

TOPIC: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: CAMP BRAIN POWER

| FORUM | AGENDA ITEM | INTENT |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole | <input type="checkbox"/> New Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Reports from Administrative Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Celebrating Excellence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information |

BACKGROUND

Academic excellence, character, engagement, and well-being of students are at the heart of Saskatoon Public Schools' strategic plan. The plan highlights our vision of each student being known, valued and believed in. It emphasizes Saskatoon Public Schools' commitment to creating learning experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential and the importance of relationships, equity and accountability.

CURRENT STATUS

As part of our commitment to strengthening early literacy, engagement, and well-being, Saskatoon Public Schools and the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation partner each August to host Camp Brain Power, a one-week, full-day summer camp for Grade 2 and 3 students. Camp Brain Power reflects the strong collaboration between the division, the Foundation, schools, families, and the community in fostering joyful literacy and wellness opportunities for young learners.

The program combines focused literacy instruction with physical movement and hands-on activities, creating a supportive environment where students strengthen their skills, rebuild confidence, and renew their enthusiasm for the return to school in the fall. From August 11–16, 2025, Camp Brain Power welcomed nearly 400 students from 44 schools across the division at 18 host sites. The program is offered free of charge thanks to the generosity of community donors and sponsors. Camp Brain Power fosters academic excellence, strengthens student engagement, and supports well-being, bringing Saskatoon Public Schools' strategic commitments of relationships, equity and accountability to life.

Jennifer Buettner, camp coordinator, along with camp teachers Denée Beauchamp and Samara Lishchynsky from the Wildwood summer camp, will share the impact of this program on students' literacy growth and readiness for the school year. Matthew and Leslie Greschner, together with their children from Roland Michener School, will also reflect on their family's experience.

| PREPARED BY | DATE | ATTACHMENTS |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Charlene Scrimshaw, Deputy Director of Education Nicola Bishop-Yong, Superintendent of Education | September 10, 2025 | None |



SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION

5.1

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

| FORUM | AGENDA ITEM | INTENT |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole | <input type="checkbox"/> New Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Reports from Administrative Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Approval of Minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> Information |

BACKGROUND

CURRENT STATUS

Attached are the minutes from the June 17, 2025 committee of the whole and regular board meetings.

| PREPARED BY | DATE | ATTACHMENTS |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Officer | September 10, 2025 | Minutes |

RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Board Motion (if removed from consent items):

That the board approve the minutes of the committee of the whole and regular board meetings held June 17, 2025.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Board Chair Kim Stranden, Trustees Angela Arneson, Donna Banks, Vernon Linklater, Tanya Napper, Anne-Marie Rollo, Jennifer Scherman, Kevin Schmidt, Ross Tait, Kirk Jones

Jennifer Scherman arrived at 2:36 p.m.

Regrets: No regrets

Following discussions in Committee of the Whole, Trustee Tait moved that the board rise and report. CARRIED (10)

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Secretary of the School Division

Board Chair

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education of the Saskatoon School Division No. 13 of Saskatchewan, held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Board Chair Kim Stranden, Trustees Angela Arneson, Donna Banks, Vernon Linklater, Tanya Napper, Anne-Marie Rollo, Kirk Jones, Jennifer Scherman, Kevin Schmidt, Ross Tait

Regrets: No regrets this evening

1. Roll Call

2. Acknowledgement

Chair Stranden called the meeting to order, read the roll call into the minutes, acknowledged the land on which we gather.

3. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Trustee Rollo moved approval of the agenda.

CARRIED (10)

4. Celebrating Excellence

4.1. King George Round Dance and Feast

Principal Julianne Buckle, Vice Principal Jamie Van Olst, Teacher Skyer Haugen and students Jesse Baldhead, Dwayne Gordon, Chad Michelle-Merasty, Kaeley Brown and Brooke Morrissey, shared highlights from a Feast and Round Dance held at King George School on March 20, 2025. The event brought students, staff, and community together in a celebration of culture, unity, and learning. It reflected the division's priorities of character, engagement, and leadership, with students demonstrating responsibility and initiative throughout the day.

5. Consent Items

Trustee Jones moved that the board approve the consent items as presented.

5.1. Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2025

CARRIED (10)

5.2. Facilities Update (for information)

5.3. Correspondence (for information)

5.4. Board Annual Work Plan Update (for information)

6. Reports from Administrative Staff

Information

- 6.1. Financial Results – Quarter 3 (March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025): Chief Financial Officer Burke and General Manager of Financial Services Wei prepared a quarterly unaudited financial statement and variance for quarter 3 for the period March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025 for the board.

Decision

- 6.2. Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Equity and Indigenous Engagement: Trustee Schmidt moved that the board approve the Strategic Plan Accountability Report: Equity and Indigenous Engagement, to be included as part of the director of education's 2024-25 evaluation.

CARRIED (10)

7. Delegations

No delegations.

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business arising from the minutes.

9. Unfinished Business

- 9.1. Audited Financial Statements for the Non-Teaching Employees Pension Plan: Trustee Arneson moved that the board approve the audited financial statements of the Pension Plan for the Non-teaching Employees of the Saskatoon Board of Education for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

CARRIED (10)

- 9.2. Pension – Annual Report to Pension Plan Sponsor: Trustee Scherman moved the board approve the 2024 Annual Report to the Pension Plan Sponsor for the Pension Plan for the Non-Teaching Employees of the Saskatoon Board of Education.

CARRIED (10)

- 9.3. Tender Results:

- a. General Contract Services for City Centre School Project: Trustee Linklater moved that the board approve the award of the tender for the construction of the new City Centre School project in the amount of \$31,337,820 plus applicable taxes to Quorex Construction Services Limited. CARRIED (10)

- b. Various Theatre Upgrades: Trustee Banks moved that the board award the tender for the 2025 Various Schools Theatre Upgrades project in the total amount of \$251,666 plus applicable taxes (includes seven base prices) to Production Lighting Ltd. CARRIED (10)

10. Reports of Trustees

Trustee Arneson

- Attended:
 - Saskatoon Public Schools' Service Recognition Banquet
- Looking forward to attending:
 - The Pride Parade
 - City Centre School Sod Turning
 - Centennial Collegiate Graduation

Trustee Linklater

- Attended:
 - Saskatoon Public Schools' Service Recognition Banquet
 - Pleasant Hill Community Pow Wow

Trustee Schmidt

- Attended:
 - Saskatoon Public School Service Recognition Banquet
 - Pancake breakfast at École Lakeview School
 - Walter Murray Collegiate car show
 - John Dolan School lemonade sale
- Congratulated the Walter Murray Collegiate Debate teams on their gold and silver medals at both the national and the provincial level competitions.

Trustee Rollo

- Attended:
 - A cultural beading at Roland Michener School
 - Saskatoon Public Schools' Service Recognition Banquet and would like to recognize the Evan Hardy Collegiate Grade Jazz who performed that evening.
- Wished students and staff a well-deserved and safe summer.

Trustee Tait

- Thanked all the staff for the year and to Brent Hills who is superannuating this year.

Trustee Jones

- Attended:
 - All schools in his ward
 - Holliston Band Concert
 - Saskatoon Public Schools' Service Recognition Banquet
 - Nutana School Year End BBQ

Trustee Stranden

- Attended:
 - Year-end interview with Global News
 - École Dundonald's final band concert for the year
 - Saskatoon Public Schools' Service Recognition Banquet
- Reported on looking forward to being apart of the hiring committee of the Superintendent of Facilities.

Trustee Scherman

- Congratulated the Grade 6 class at Silverspring School for their student citizenship award.

Trustee Banks

- Attended:
 - The Double Ball tournament at wâhkôhtowin School
 - Lester B. Pearson Schools' Time Capsule reveal
 - Online Public Section meeting
 - James L. Alexander School Community Council
 - Saskatoon Public Schools' Service Recognition Banquet

Trustee Napper

- Attended:
 - Sutherland School Family BBQ
 - North Park Wilson School student citizenship presentation and award event.
- Wished the best of luck to the students who are rounding off another academic year and thanked the trustees for a wonderful year.

Board Chair Reflections – 2024-25 School Year: Chair Stranden reflected on the 2024-2025 school year and shared challenges and opportunities facing the board and the school division in 2025-2026.

11. New Business

11.1. City Centre School Update: Superintendent of Facilities Laba gave an update on the City Centre School proceeding to construction.

11.2. Amendment to Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Three-Year Plan: Trustee Arneson moved that the board approve the amendment of the Three-Year Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Plan to include the following two projects:

- Centennial Collegiate renovations to room 2105 for an estimated cost of \$50,000
- Centennial Collegiate relocatable repairs for an estimated cost of \$100,000

CARRIED (10)

12. Notices of Motion: There were no notices of motion.

13. Questions by Trustees: There were no questions from trustees.

14. Comments/Concerns/Questions from the Public: There were no comments/concerns/questions from the public.

15. Adjournment

Trustee Napper moved that the board adjourn to the call of the chair or the board meeting of Tuesday September 16, 2025.

CARRIED (10)

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Secretary of the School Division

Board Chair



MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

TOPIC: SECURE DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS

| FORUM | AGENDA ITEM | INTENT |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Reports from Administrative Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Information |

BACKGROUND

Based on Administrative Procedure 175: Preservation and Disposal of Records, and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association's (SSBA) Records Retention and Disposal Guide (Sept. 2019), certain records are eligible for destruction.

Eighty-two boxes (82) of accounting files from 2017-2018 are eligible for destruction (boxes were smaller starting in 2016-2017, resulting in more boxes this year compared to prior requests).

| | 2016-2017 | 2017-2018 | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Supplies Invoices (Operating, Capital, US) | | x | Ready for Destruction |
| Cheque Registers and Returned Cheques | | x | Ready for Destruction |
| Journal Entries and Related Support Documents | | x | Ready for Destruction |
| School Generated Funds | | x | Ready for Destruction |
| Bank Statements and Reconciliations | | x | Ready for Destruction |
| Receipts and Back-Up | X | x | Ready for Destruction |
| | BOX 70 & 79 | BOX 1-69 | |
| | | BOX 71-78 | |
| | | BOX 80-82 | |

Ten boxes (10) of employee files from 2017 are eligible for destruction:

- three boxes of non-teacher/SCEA/CUPE 8443 files
- one box of support staff sub files
- three boxes of teacher sub files
- three boxes of teacher files

Saskatoon Public Schools has a contract with Access (formerly known as Crown Enterprises) for secure destruction that adheres to the policies and guidelines of both our school division and the SSBA.

CURRENT STATUS

A motion is required to securely destroy 82 boxes of accounting files from 2017-2018 and 10 boxes of employee files from 2017 that are eligible for destruction per the SSBA Records Retention and Disposal Guide (Sept. 2019).

| PREPARED BY | DATE | ATTACHMENTS |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Jason Dunk, Chief Technology Officer | September 16, 2025 | None |

RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Board Motion (if removed from consent items):

That the board approve the secure destruction of 82 boxes of accounting files from 2017-2018, and 10 boxes of employee files from 2017 that are eligible for destruction per the SSBA Records Retention and Disposal Guide.



SASKATOON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MEETING DATE: **SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

TOPIC: **CORRESPONDENCE**

| FORUM | AGENDA ITEM | INTENT |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole | <input type="checkbox"/> New Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Reports from Administrative Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information |

CURRENT STATUS

The following correspondence is included in this file for the information of the board:

- a) Correspondence from Honourable Everett Hindley, Minister of Education regarding John Dolan School.
- b) Correspondence from Deputy Minister Clint Repski regarding Saskatoon Public Schools' estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2025-26 school division fiscal year.
- c) Correspondence from Honourable Everett Hindley, Minister of Education expressing appreciation for ongoing support and extending congratulations on the commencement of the new school year.

| PREPARED BY | DATE | ATTACHMENTS |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Shane Skjerven, Director of Education | September 10, 2025 | Correspondence Documents |



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Kim Stranden, Board Chair
Saskatoon Public Schools
c/o Traci Toth, Executive Assistant, Saskatoon Public Schools
totht@spsd.sk.ca

Dear Kim:

Thank you again for the opportunity to visit John Dolan School earlier this year and for your letter regarding the operating funding provided through Saskatoon Public Schools (SPS).

I greatly appreciated the opportunity to see John Dolan School and to experience the unique and specialized learning environment it provides for Saskatchewan students. The Government of Saskatchewan values the education and well-being of every child in the province.

The ministry is currently evaluating your recent submission and implications for John Dolan School. This includes consideration of the broader implications for equitable funding approaches across the province.

Our government wants each student in our province to receive the support needed to experience success in the classroom. As we move forward, the ministry will continue to work in partnership with school divisions and teachers to identify the best possible way to put the needs of our students first.

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Thank you for taking the time to write. I look forward to our continued collaboration towards our shared goal of providing high quality educational experiences for Saskatchewan students.

Sincerely,



Everett Hindley
Minister of Education

*Kim - sorry for the late reply, and
thank you for your continued
partnership.*

cc: Clint Repski, Deputy Minister of Education
Jason Pirlot, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education
Charlotte Schriml, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education
Shane Skjerven, Director of Education, Saskatoon Public Schools
Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Officer, Saskatoon Public Schools
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding, Education



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Ministry of Education
Deputy Minister
5th Floor, 2220 College Ave.
Regina, Canada S4P 4V9

August 28, 2025

Kim Stranden, Board Chair
Saskatoon School Division No. 13
strandenk@spsd.sk.ca

Dear Kim Stranden:

Thank you for the submission of your school division's estimated revenues and expenditures for the 2025-26 school division fiscal year as required by section 51 of *The School Division Administration Regulations*.

Your 2025-26 estimated revenues and expenditures have been reviewed by the ministry. On behalf of the Minister of Education, I approve these revenues and expenditures, as submitted and enclosed, in accordance with section 280 of *The Education Act, 1995*.

Provincial operating grants are authorized to your Board of Education pursuant to sections 310 and 311 of *The Education Act, 1995* (the Act). Monthly authorization will occur provided eligibility criteria in subsection 312(3) of the Act are met; if any requirements are in breach, it can lead to the use of the Minister's powers as laid out in 315.1 of the Act. In addition to meeting eligibility criteria in the Act, payments for the period of April to August 2026 are subject to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan having appropriated funds out of which the grants may be paid in the 2026-27 government fiscal year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your board and division staff for their time and effort in completing these documents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leanne Forgie, Director of Financial Analysis and Reporting, Education Funding, at leanne.forgie2@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-6634.

Sincerely,

Clint Repski

Attachment

cc: Shane Skjerven, Director of Education, Saskatoon School Division No. 13
Sameema Haque, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education
Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Officer, Saskatoon School Division No. 13
Leanne Forgie, Director, Financial Analysis and Reporting, Education Funding, Education

Saskatoon School Division No. 13
CASH BUDGET
For the period ending August 31, 2026

| Chart of Accounts | Description | Budget 2025-26 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| REVENUES | | |
| 1-1-01-000-000 | Property Taxes and Other Related | - |
| 1-1-02-000-000 | Grants | 360,357,901 |
| 1-1-03-000-000 | Tuition and Related Fees | 2,532,326 |
| 1-1-04-000-000 | School Generated Funds | 4,655,000 |
| 1-1-07-000-000 | Complementary Services | 5,793,055 |
| 1-1-08-000-000 | External Services | 11,608,346 |
| | Restructuring | - |
| 1-1-05-000-000 | Other Revenue | 3,725,812 |
| | Total Revenues | 388,672,440 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| 1-2-10-000-000 | Governance | 748,680 |
| 1-2-11-000-000 | Administration | 8,365,155 |
| 1-2-12-000-000 | Instruction | 270,352,239 |
| 1-2-13-000-000 | Plant | 50,034,778 |
| 1-2-14-000-000 | Transportation | 9,115,673 |
| 1-2-15-000-000 | Tuition and Related Fees | 574,426 |
| 1-2-16-000-000 | School Generated Funds | 4,767,392 |
| 1-2-21-000-000 | Complementary Services | 5,774,358 |
| 1-2-22-000-000 | External Services | 12,354,564 |
| | Restructuring | - |
| 1-2-17-000-000 | Other Expenses | 770,089 |
| | Total Expenditures | 362,857,354 |
| | Excess (Deficit) for the year | 25,815,086 |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM THE SCHOOL DIVISIONS:

| | Budget 2025-26 |
|--|--------------------|
| Tangible Capital Assets: | |
| (-) Purchases | 44,169,000 |
| (+) Proceeds from disposals | - |
| Long Term Debt, including capital leases: | |
| (-) Repayments of the year | 523,693 |
| (+) Debt issued during the year | - |
| NON-CASH GAIN/EXPENSES: | |
| (+) Amortization expense | 14,533,747 |
| (+) Accretion expense | 571,160 |
| (-) Gain on disposals of tangible capital assets | - |
| (+) Employee Future Benefits expenses | 552,400 |
| OTHER CASH REQUIREMENTS: | |
| (-) Employee Future Benefits expected payments | 504,700 |
| NET EXCESS (DEFICIT) CASH OF THE YEAR | (3,725,000) |

FINAL DEFICIT/EXCESS POSITION WILL BE COVERED BY/ALLOCATED TO:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| S.286 /Federal Capital Tuition Reserves | - |
| Unused PMR funding from previous years | - |
| Designated Assets | 3,725,000 |
| Unrestricted Surplus | - |
| Other | - |
| REVISED CASH POSITION | - |



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Kim Stranden, Board Chair
Saskatoon School Division
strandenk@spsd.sk.ca

Dear Kim Stranden:

As students head back to the classrooms throughout the province, I want to wish you and your team a successful return as you enter into the 2025-26 academic year. Saskatchewan schools are giving our students their best start. And as we begin a new school year, I want to recognize individuals like yourself who help provide students with the best education experience.

Our government is focused on providing a safe and positive environment where all students feel supported and empowered to learn, grow and achieve their full potential. That's why we are focusing on improving student outcomes in K-3 literacy and investing in the implementation of new strategies and supports so our youngest learners have the best transition from K to Career. We're also investing in the Specialized Supports Classrooms so more students can receive the support, tools and building blocks they need to succeed in school. Since these classrooms have already had so much success, we will be increasing the specialized supports classrooms to 208 classrooms over the next 4 years.

I know there are challenges and we look forward to a continued partnership with you as we look for long-term and reliable solutions. Together, we can provide students with positive learning environments, ensuring that all students are equipped with the skills they need to succeed in our ever-changing world.

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, thank you for your continued support and congratulations on the start of a new school year.

Sincerely,

Everett Hindley
Minister of Education

cc: Shane Skjerven, Director of Education, Saskatoon School Division
Clint Repski, Deputy Minister of Education



MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

TOPIC: MINISTRY'S TEACHER INNOVATION AND SUPPORT FUND

| FORUM | AGENDA ITEM | INTENT |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole | <input type="checkbox"/> New Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Decision |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reports from Administrative Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information |

BACKGROUND

On January 10, 2024, the Government of Saskatchewan announced that they were piloting a new Teacher Innovation and Support Fund to foster local, teacher-led solutions that will address classroom and student needs.

The Teacher Innovation and Support Fund will be accepting submissions from August 28 to October 3, 2025. The goal of this fund is to have local, innovative initiatives brought forward to enhance classrooms in areas such as student achievement, student wellness and school safety.

CURRENT STATUS

Successful applicants from Saskatoon Public Schools (awarded in June 2025):

| | School | Funding Amount |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Shoot Tables Project | Walter Murray | \$7,000 |
| SPARK Lab (Shaping Paths for Action, Reconciliation and Knowledge) Project | Buena Vista | \$75,000 |
| Emergency Services Simulation Equipment Project | Marion M. Graham | \$14,200 |
| Nutrition and Land-Based Learning Initiative Project | King George | \$38,646 |
| Meeting our Sensory Needs Project | Brownell | \$28,700 |
| 30 and 30 - Renewable Energy Connecting Saskatchewan Youth Project | Tommy Douglas | \$67,000 |
| Motion Capture Arts Project | Centennial | \$8,700 |

| PREPARED BY | DATE | ATTACHMENTS |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Shane Skjerven, Director of Education | September 10, 2025 | None |



MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

TOPIC: SCHOOL OPENING UPDATE

| FORUM | AGENDA ITEM | INTENT |
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BACKGROUND

CURRENT STATUS

Staff and Teacher Orientation

A highlight of the first week back was the new teacher orientation, held on August 21. Approximately 80 people attended and had the opportunity to learn more about Saskatoon Public Schools. We look forward to their contributions to the students and families in the coming months and years.

Registration and First Day of School

- Elementary registration: On August 28, all elementary schools opened for in-person registration for Prekindergarten to Grade 8 students new to their schools.
- Kevin McNarland (Tommy Douglas Collegiate Principal) and Jaime Schroeder (SPS Learning Coordinator) appeared on Global Saskatoon to preview the year. Key highlights included:
 - First day of school reminders: September 2 was a half day for elementary schools, and collegiates followed alternate schedules to ease transitions.
 - Continued emphasis on early literacy, including full-day every day kindergarten at 25 schools—the only such program in Saskatchewan, funded by the Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation. A continued focus of the program is to have every student reading at grade level by the end of Grade 3.
 - Sharing information about the wide variety of programming in Saskatoon Public Schools, including French immersion, Cree, Michif, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, gifted education, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and trades enrichment and blended learning for athletes/artists.
 - Emphasizing the growing partnerships to expand health and nutrition programs, ensuring students are well-fed and learning about healthy choices. Saskatoon Public Schools continues to prioritize inclusion, civic responsibility, critical thinking, and making all students feel known, valued and believed in.

Media Coverage and Features

- Board Chair Kim Stranden featured in “Back-to-School” coverage.
- Brunskill Principal Miranda Low highlighted on CBC Saskatoon Morning.
- Global Saskatoon featured Brunskill Vice Principal Kelly Gibson.
- Other principals and teachers provided back-to-school reflections in local media.

Staff and Student Well-Being

- Not Myself Today: Human Resources launched this new mental health and wellness platform in late August to support staff well-being.
- Over the past year, Saskatoon Public Schools has undertaken extensive work to respond to the independent review into the September 5, 2024 violent incident at Evan Hardy Collegiate. A total of 76 distinct response actions were identified, spanning updates to administrative procedures, resource guides, staff training, documentation processes and improved supports for students and staff. Senior administration and division staff engaged in significant planning throughout August, consulting with the Canadian Centre for Trauma Informed Practice prior to the school year. A comprehensive start-up plan was developed to support both staff and students.

Technology and Facilities

- Information Services: Installed over 2,000 new computers and monitors, plus prepared laptops for new employees.
- Facilities staff worked diligently over the summer to prepare schools for the 2025–26 school year. In addition to routine maintenance, department-funded items, and cleaning, the team completed a wide range of upgrades and repairs. Projects included painting and flooring replacements in multiple schools, washroom renovations, targeted window and roof replacements, and boiler and air conditioning upgrades to improve building comfort and reliability. Security system enhancements continued, and work progressed on relocatable classrooms to support shifting enrollment needs.

Looking Ahead

Saskatoon Public Schools remains focused on building a strong future for all students by advancing academic excellence, student well-being, character and engagement. Guided by our strategic plan, the division will continue to strengthen classroom supports, expand opportunities for equity and inclusion and adapt to emerging needs through innovation and collaboration.

| PREPARED BY | DATE | ATTACHMENTS |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Shane Skjerven, Director of Education | September 10, 2025 | None |



MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

TOPIC: TRANSFER OF PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR HOLMWOOD LAND PURCHASE

| FORUM | AGENDA ITEM | INTENT |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Business | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Reports from Administrative Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information |

BACKGROUND

In March 2024, the Ministry of Education authorized a capital grant of \$1,876,500 to Saskatoon Public Schools to fund one-half of the cost of acquiring nine additional acres of land from the City of Saskatoon for the Holmwood joint-use high schools site. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools received a matching grant. This increases the site size from 23 acres to 32 acres. Confirmation of the grant was provided in ministry letters dated March 28, 2024 and March 19, 2025 (attached).

CURRENT STATUS

The City of Saskatoon invoiced Saskatoon Public Schools \$1,876,500 on April 24, 2025 for its share of the land purchase, consistent with the provincial funding received. Payment is pending board approval. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has received a matching invoice.

Chief Financial Officer Burke and Superintendent of Facilities Laba will be in attendance to answer any questions.

| PREPARED BY | DATE | ATTACHMENTS |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Officer Stan Laba, Superintendent of Facilities | September 5, 2025 | City of Saskatoon Invoice Ministry of Education letters (2) |

RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Board Motion:

That the board approve the payment of \$1,876,500 to the City of Saskatoon for Saskatoon Public Schools' share of the Holmwood joint-use high schools land purchase, using funds received from the provincial government for this purpose.

Bill To: Saskatoon Public Schools
310 21st St E
Saskatoon SK S7K 1M7

Invoice #: 10001800048302
Invoice Date: April 24, 2025
Due Date: May 24, 2025

Account #: 1020779

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| Description | Tax | Amount |
|---|-----|-----------------|
| Transfer Funds to COS re Holmwood HS Land Purchase | | \$ 1,876,500.00 |
| Transfer Funds to COS re Holmwood HS Land Purchase | | |
| GST #R119415123 | | |
| Unless otherwise arranged, interest will be charged at Bank Prime Rate plus 2% if full payment is not received within 30 days of invoice date. | | |

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|--|------------------|------------------------|
| Questions about this invoice? Corporate Revenue Customer Service 306-975-2400 | Subtotal | \$ 1,876,500.00 |
| | GST | \$ 0.00 |
| | PST | \$ 0.00 |
| | Total Due | \$ 1,876,500.00 |

Please attach this portion to your payment



City of
Saskatoon
City of Saskatoon
222 - 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon SK S7K 0J5

Customer: Saskatoon Public Schools
Account #: 1020779
Invoice #: 10001800048302
Due Date: May 24, 2025
Amount Due: \$ 1,876,500.00

Please make cheques payable to City of Saskatoon

Amount Paid: _____

Payment Options:

Cheque or bank draft by mail or 24 Hour Deposit Box located outside City Hall
Cash, cheque, or debit at City Hall Payment Centre

March 28, 2024

Shane Skjerven, Director of Education
Saskatoon Public Schools
skjervens@spsd.sk.ca

Dear Shane Skjerven:

As you are aware, the Government of Saskatchewan has accepted a proposal from the City of Saskatoon (the City) to share the costs of the land required for the site of a new joint-use high school in the Holmwood neighbourhood of Saskatoon. Although there is some ongoing work conducting a “test fit” of the facility on the 32-acre site proposed by the City, the Ministry of Education is providing a capital grant to your school division to be used towards cost sharing for the site.

In accordance with Section 311 of *The Education Act, 1995*, Saskatoon Public School Division is eligible to receive, and the ministry authorizes, a capital grant in the amount of \$1,876,500 to fund the cost of nine acres in the Holmwood neighbourhood to ensure the joint-use high school is built on a site appropriate for 3,600 students as outlined in *The Education Regulations, 2019*. This funding represents 50 per cent of the total costs committed by the Government of Saskatchewan for this purpose. Your division’s joint-use partner, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, will be provided a capital grant for the remaining 50 per cent of the cost. It is intended that the City will lease the lands to the boards of education for school purposes in a separate lease agreement.

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March 19, 2025

Shane Skjerven, Director of Education
Saskatoon School Division
skjervens@spsd.sk.ca

Dear Shane Skjerven:

On March 28, 2024, the Ministry of Education informed your school division that in accordance with Section 311 of *The Education Act, 1995*, Saskatoon School Division was eligible to receive an authorized capital grant in the amount of \$1,876,500 to fund the cost of nine acres in the Holmwood neighbourhood for the new joint-use high school. Payment would be made once the lease agreement with the City of Saskatoon was signed.

I am pleased to advise that the ministry will pay this capital grant prior to the lease agreement being executed. You will receive the authorized grant of \$1,876,500 in the next couple of weeks. The ministry's letter on March 14, 2025 indicated an amount of \$1,876,000 which was in error. Please accept our apologies.

Please contact Colin Levesque, Executive Director, Capital Planning at colin.levesque2@gov.sk.ca, with any questions regarding the payment and Kayla Braun, Project Director, Education Infrastructure at kayla.braun@gov.sk.ca with any questions regarding the land.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Schriml
Assistant Deputy Minister

cc: François Rivard, Director of Education, St. Paul's RCSSD
Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Officer, Saskatoon School Division
Joel Lloyd, Chief Financial Officer, St. Paul's RCSSD
Colin Levesque, Executive Director, Capital Planning, Education
Kayla Braun, Project Director, Education Infrastructure, SaskBuilds and Procurement
Leanne Forgie, Director, Financial Analysis & Reporting, Education

Payment of this capital grant will be issued to your school division once the lease agreement with the City has been signed. Please contact Yvonne Anderson, Director, Capital Funding and Programs at yvonne.anderson@gov.sk.ca with any questions regarding the payment and Colin Levesque, Director, Capital Projects at colin.levesque@gov.sk.ca with any questions regarding the land.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sameema Haque', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Sameema Haque
Assistant Deputy Minister

cc: Clint Repski, Deputy Minister of Education
Angela Chobanik, Executive Director, Education Funding, Education
Daniel Burke, Chief Financial Officer, Saskatoon School Division
Brett Butler, Executive Director, SaskBuilds and Procurement
Colin Levesque, Director, Capital Projects, SaskBuilds and Procurement
Yvonne Anderson, Director, Capital Funding & Programs, Education
Leanne Forgie, Director, Financial Analysis & Reporting, Education