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December 1, 2011 – Collegiate Renewal recognized with provincial award

For the fourth time in nine years, Saskatoon Public Schools has won the Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education! Ray Morrison, chair of the Saskatoon Board of Education accepted the award at the recent Saskatchewan School Boards Association's annual general meeting in Saskatoon.

Collegiate renewal, with its four dimensions of belonging, potency, relevancy and competency, is the innovation that won the award. The goal of collegiate renewal is that all collegiate students will be engaged in their learning so they will graduate as active participants in lifelong learning and as responsible and caring citizens in the community, nation, and world. "We want our students to want to come to school, to want to stay in school, to graduate from school and to contribute to society," said Board Chair Morrison.

"We truly believe collegiate renewal is transforming what is happening in our high schools. In this our fifth year of this strategic learning priority, we have witnessed students - especially those who have historically struggled and disengaged from learning - become authentically engaged in their learning."

Saskatoon Public Schools is very humbled to be the school division that has received this award four times in the award's thirteen year history. Previous winners were our Royal West Campus in 2003, Literary for Life in 2006 and our Okiciyapi Educational Partnership in 2007.

The Premier's Innovation and Excellence Award recognizes educational innovations and improvements focused on student achievement which have been advanced or directed by boards of education. The winning Board receives a \$3,000 prize from sponsor Xerox. The prize is used to support or extend the innovation or project.

Saskatoon Public Schools is the largest school division in the province operating 43 elementary schools, 10 secondary schools, and two associate schools. Learn more at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca

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