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## **May 6, 2011 - School Division and First Nation renew Memorandum of Agreement**

Saskatoon Public Schools and the Whitecap Dakota First Nation today signed a unique renewed Memorandum of Agreement. This agreement is an example of one of the most innovative and inclusive partnerships between a large urban school division and a First Nation in the country.

“Saskatoon Public Schools and the Whitecap Dakota First Nation have sustained a partnership over many years,” said Mr. Ray Morrison, Chair of the Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools. “We began our partnership in 1995 and are very pleased to re-affirm and enhance our relationship today with this Memorandum of Agreement.”

The purposes of the agreement include:

- Ensuring all students at Saskatoon Public Schools learn about Dakota history and culture in Saskatchewan, with a particular focus on the Whitecap Dakota First Nation;
- Sharing professional development opportunities for teaching staff at the school division and First Nation; and
- Strengthening the transition of students as they move between the schools of both partners.

This Memorandum of Agreement will enhance opportunities that bring the richness of First Nations culture to all students and staff at Saskatoon Public Schools.

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