

## EVERY STUDENT IS

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Saskatoon  
Public Schools

March 16, 2022

## FROM THE BOARD TABLE

### Student engagement efforts highlighted for Board of Education

Learning that helps students build character through respect, responsibility, and perseverance was highlighted for trustees during the Board of Education meeting held March 15.

Saskatoon Public Schools strives to create experiences that inspire all students to reach their potential by providing engaging learning environments and fostering skills and habits that contribute to students' success in school and as citizens. A report from administration reviewed the division's work in areas such as citizenship education, student engagement and achievement, and the commitment to building life-long learners through authentic learning opportunities.

Assessment data gathered by teachers shows 75 per cent of kindergarten to Grade 8 students regularly show age-appropriate levels of responsibility and perseverance in their work. A further 20 per cent of students are sometimes demonstrating those skills.

At the collegiate level, results of the division's OurSCHOOL survey shows Grade 9-12 students feel intellectually engaged and are interested and motivated in school at levels higher than the provincial comparison.


Character and engagement have a big impact on students' current and future success. The correlation between fostering student engagement, developing character, and academic success are well documented, and the division is committed to achieving character and engagement goals.

The Celebrating Excellence portion of the meeting saw two student athletes and a coach from Bedford Road Collegiate, along with a representative of the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD), talk about how the return of athletics for the 2021-22 school year has boosted student well-being, character, and engagement in schools. Due to COVID-19, SSSAD was unable to coordinate intercollegiate and elementary sport during 2020-2021.

Reports and information presented at board meetings can be found at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca](https://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca). The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Members of the public may attend regular board meetings virtually. Please contact [Estelle Allington](#), executive assistant to the Board of Education, to request a link to the virtual meeting.

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## Saskatoon Public Schools offers five exciting learning opportunities for elementary students.

**iGen (Grade 6)** Applications due Thurs. April 28  
[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/igen](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/igen)

**Creative Action (Grade 8)**  
[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/creativeaction](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/creativeaction)

**Ecoquest (Grade 8)**  
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**Let's Lead—Nīkānētān (Grade 8)**  
[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/letslead](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/letslead)

**ScienceTrek (Grade 8)**  
[www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/sciencetrek](http://www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/sciencetrek)

These programs provide unique experiences through a hands-on approach to learning inside and outside of the classroom. The programs are open to any current students of Saskatoon Public Schools. Application is required. Visit the program websites for more details.

**GR. 8 APPLICATIONS DUE Friday, April 29, 2022**



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## SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD

### **Q: How is education funding distributed in Saskatchewan?**

**A:** Operating dollars for all school divisions are allocated using the provincial government's funding formula. Operating expenses (e.g. instruction, supports for learning, transportation) are calculated for each division. Larger school divisions are assumed to have built-in efficiencies so receive less per student funding.

The formula is complex and flawed. Funding for intensive-needs students is not determined using actual school-based data. Money is distributed based on community data and the assumption intensive-needs students are equally distributed across the province. The result is Saskatoon Public Schools spends about \$11 million more on supports for learning than it receives in funding.

**Trustees continue to advocate for changes to the model that better reflect the realities of Saskatoon Public Schools.**

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**APRIL 12** Saskatoon Board of Education Meeting

**APRIL 14** Turnaround Day—Secondary students DO NOT ATTEND

**APRIL 15** Good Friday—All SPS Facilities Closed

**APRIL 18** All SPS Facilities Closed

**APRIL 19-22** Spring Break—No classes for students and teachers

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at LAWSON HEIGHTS SCHOOL



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