

Early Learning Accountability Report

Prairie South is very active in supporting the development of both Ministry funded and Prairie South funded Early Learning Programs. We have 17 Prekindergarten programs and 15 of those programs are full. Both programs receive support services from the Learning Department such as speech & language pathologists, psychologists, advocacy and behaviour consultants and more, depending on the needs of the students. There are 83 students in Prek who are receiving speech support. Kindergarten educators are responsible for administering the Early Years Evaluation Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA) each fall and a select number of students are reassessed in the spring. There were 426 Kindergarten students assessed in the fall of 2022. When comparing the pre-pandemic data (2019) to this year's data, we saw a 6% increase in the overall results! Our early learning consultant provides support where needed. A federally funded program called the Early Learning Intensive Supports (ELIS) Program expanded in 2022 with a total of 12 spots in Prairie South (6 programs). The children in this ELIS program are selected via an application process and once accepted, they are provided with access to therapy supports contracted through health, educational assistant support, supplies and materials needed for them to attend safely and successfully. Prairie South provides early learning professional development to teachers and educational assistants and will continue to support our early years' educators.

2023–2024 School Year Calendars

A Calendar Committee, comprised of representatives from all areas of the school division: trustees, SCC members, CUPE members, teachers and out of scope staff, met and created the 2023–2024 school year calendars. Today the Board approved these calendars and they will be sent to the Ministry of Education for final approval. The first day of school for students will be September 5, 2023.

Major and Minor Capital Project Funding

Minor and major capital projects are funded through the Ministry of Education. Each year school divisions are required to submit their capital funding requests to the Ministry. There has been no movement on the major capital projects requested by Prairie South so our 2022 requests continue to be our highest priorities, which is the major renovation, right size and net zero modernization for Bengough and Eyebrow Schools. The minor capital requests are to upgrade HVAC systems for Central Collegiate and Rockglen School.

Celebrations

Congratulations to **Lew Young**, Board Trustee and **Stephane Gauvin**, Principal at Central Collegiate, for receiving the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals.