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Schools

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BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 ENROLMENT NUMBERS

Prairie South has experienced a record number of students in the Division this year! Final enrolment numbers are taken as of September 30 each year with kindergarten and prekindergarten students funded as half of a Full Time Equivalent (FTE). The total FTE enrolment is 6993 or 7231 students, which is an increase of 258 FTE from what we projected in the spring. The increase was mostly at Moose Jaw high schools but Caronport Elementary, Rouleau and a few of our south schools, including Coronach, Mankota, and Rockglen also saw larger increases than projected.

PRAIRIE SOUTH DELEGATES ON PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES

Each year the Board nominates a trustee to represent Prairie South for the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association (SHSAA) and Public Section. Brett Hagan was nominated as the SHSAA representative while John Bumbac will sit on the Public Section committee. Both Brett and John represented Prairie South on these committees last year and will continue for the 2023-2024 school year.

STUDENT LEARNING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Superintendents Amanda Olson and Derrick Huschi presented Prairie South's results on reading, writing, math, and graduation rates for the 2022-2023 school year. In years past, the data was presented from year to year. By doing that, we are not looking at the longitudinal data, or the growth for the cohort of students that the data was collected. By looking at last year's grade 2 data (students from grade 1 the previous year), their reading level has improved by 3.6%! Last year's grade 3's saw a 3.5% growth from grade 2 to grade 3. When you look at that same group of students when they were in grade 1, there is a 7.8% growth over two years! Even though we do not collect division level data for grade 4, schools will continue to monitor reading progress - the growth doesn't stop here!



Both our writing data and our math data seem to ebb and flow year over year but the number of students who are significantly below grade level is below 7.3%, which means that 92.7% of our students are slightly below grade level, at grade level or above grade level in both writing and math.

It's important to look at division level data annually to celebrate successes, discuss challenges, look for trends, and so on. However, it is more important for our classroom teachers, student support teachers and administrators to look at individual student data and build an individual student's learning profile and plan for intervention. Prairie South would like to extend their sincere thank you to all school-based personnel for their support and exceptional work in bringing these student learning results to realization.

Prairie South's graduation rates are above the provincial average. Additional Career Development Consultants will provide resources to students and parents to help them build a pathway to successful adulthood and rewarding employment opportunities.

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