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# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## NEW SOUTH HILL SCHOOL

Prairie South School Division and Holy Trinity School Division are building a joint-use school on South Hill. Each school division will name their own side of the school.



A survey was open to all students, staff, and community members where they could submit names and the rationale for the name. The Board's Partnerships and Teambuilding Committee reviewed all the names submitted and were excited to recommend a name submitted from this survey to the Board of Education. At their meeting today, the Board of Education approved **Coteau Hills Elementary School** as the name of the new Prairie South school. This new school will be located on the south side of Moose Jaw, looking out towards the west, where the Coteau Hills stretch along the southwest corner of the province. The name Coteau Hills represents a significant portion of southern Saskatchewan's geographic history. The new school is scheduled to open in September of 2025.

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDARS



The Board approved the calendars for the 2024-2025 school year. There are three calendars to accommodate the regular school year, alternate school year, and Hutterian school year. A Calendar Committee was established and comprised of trustees, SCC members, CUPE members, teachers, bus drivers, and out of scope staff. The Committee developed the calendar with parameters established by the Ministry and the Board of Education. The first day of school for students will be September 3, 2024. The calendars will be available on our website pending final approval from the Ministry of Education.

## EARLY LEARNING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Prairie South is very active in supporting the development of both Ministry funded and Prairie South funded Early Learning Programs. Prekindergarten is an application process with criteria the Ministry sets out to be eligible for participation. All students receive support services from the Learning Department, depending on the needs of the students. Kindergarten teachers administer the Early Years Evaluation Teacher Assessment (EYE-TA) as mandated by the Ministry. When comparing pre-pandemic data (November 2019) to this year's fall data, Prairie South saw a 7% increase in the overall data and we are seeing growth in all areas when comparing data from 2019 to 2023. We also saw a significant growth in cognitive skills, language and communication, and physical development when comparing the 2022 and 2023 fall data.

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