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PRAIRIE VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION CELEBRATES STRONG RESULTS IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT WITH COMMUNITY REPORT

Prairie Valley School Division officially released the *2015-2016 Community Report* at the Annual Meeting of Electors on January 19, 2017 at Lumsden Elementary School in Lumsden, Saskatchewan. The *2015-2016 Community Report* is a companion document to the *2015-2016 Strategic Plan Update and Budget* and is the primary mechanism to report on the outcomes and commitments noted in the plan and to inform instruction for the next school year.

“The Board worked hard to represent the local voice in public education, and we had a productive year, making headway on our strategic goals. The Board engaged with our First Nation and Métis partners and other governments, supported School Community Councils and promoted inclusiveness to ensure a welcoming environment for students and staff across the Division,” said Board of Education Chair, Janet Kotylak. “We recognize and thank our students and staff for their dedication and congratulate them in achieving equal or better results in comparison to the provincial average in all academic measures overall.”

Highlights from the year include:

- More students are at or above grade level in math and science.
- More Grade 3 students are reading at or above grade level and higher than the provincial average.
- Continued high graduation rates.
- A system policy on human diversity was implemented to continue to promote a culture of inclusiveness.
- Strong performance in our facilities management, information technology and transportation operations.
- Another balanced budget and clean audit opinion.

“We grow children, not just test scores, so we are proud of our students for all the contributions they make at the school and within the community from sharing their talents through the arts to showing their leadership through citizenship and charity involvement in the community and around the world,” said Ben Grebinski, Director of Education and CEO for Prairie Valley School Division. “We are also grateful to our staff members who make the curriculum come alive for our students and who support our students’ social and emotional growth, living the motto ‘Every student is important to me!’”

The [2015-2016 Community Report](http://www.pvsd.ca) is at www.pvsd.ca under “Publications” and available in print upon request.

Prairie Valley School Division serves almost 8,500 students in 39 schools throughout southeast Saskatchewan. In support of the vision “Leadership in Learning and Life”, the Division offers a high-quality education that provides students with the tools to reach their potential.

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