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THE STUDENT VOICE IS HEARD AT PRAIRIE VALLEY STUDENT SENATES

Prairie Valley School Division is once again asking students to share their thoughts on Education, to better inform how the Division leads success.

The Prairie Valley School Division Student Senates are an opportunity for the Board of Education and senior staff to hear directly from students on issues like learning improvements, safety and morale, Treaty Education, the implementation of technology, and ideas for improving student achievement and engagement.

“The feedback we receive directly from our students is invaluable,” said Board of Education Chair, Janet Kotylak. “The Board of Education enjoys every opportunity to meet and interact with those who matter most – our students.”

Each year two student delegates from each participating grade attend on behalf of their school. Students are given the discussion topics beforehand and are encouraged to canvas peers for their opinions on the issues.

“For years our Student Senates have been providing us with thoughts on how *students* want us to address the needs of students,” said Ben Grebinski, Director of Education and CEO for Prairie Valley School Division. “The Senates not only allow us to connect directly with students, they provide us with feedback that translates into to actionable items for our Division.”

The Senates are organized in two formats – one for middle years students in grades 6-8 inclusive, and one for senior level students in grades 9-12 inclusive. In total, 108 students from all 36 provincial schools in the Division are represented at the Student Senates. Results and follow up Action Plans will be brought to the Board, shared with staff, and posted to the Prairie Valley School Division website.

The Senates take place at the Treaty Four Tipi in Fort Qu’Appelle. The Middle Years Senate was held on November 21, 2013 and the Senior Years Senate will follow on November 28, 2013. This year marks the second annual Middle Years Senate and the fifth annual Senior Years Senate.

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Prairie Valley School Division serves approximately 8,100 students in 38 schools throughout southeast Saskatchewan. In support of the vision “Leadership in Learning and Life”, the Division strives to ensure a high-quality education that provides students with the tools to reach and exceed their potential.

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