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## PRAIRIE VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION'S TIM TAYLOR WINS CANADA'S OUTSTANDING PRINCIPALS AWARD

Prairie Valley School Division's Tim Taylor, principal at Dr. Isman Elementary School in Wolseley, is among forty exceptional educators who are being celebrated for demonstrating innovation, having an entrepreneurial spirit and employing creativity in finding solutions and opportunities. The Learning Partnership will honour their accomplishments at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Canada's Outstanding Principals™ gala on February 23, 2016 in Toronto.

Tim has 40 years of service with Prairie Valley and legacy systems and has dedicated his career to providing top quality learning opportunities in rural schools. He established professional learning committees to allow teachers the time to explore skills, concepts, and effective practices for student learning. He and his staff use student data to determine priorities for learning improvement, and he created innovative instructional groupings to facilitate and maximize learning. Tim schedules himself to work with teachers in math classes supporting a range of learners, which has contributed to increased achievement in mathematics and reading across the grades.

"The Board of Education is very pleased that The Learning Partnership is recognizing Tim Taylor as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals," said Board of Education Chair, Janet Kotylak. "We are so proud of his work with students, staff and the community."

"Mr. Taylor ensures that children are valued and that their individual differences are respected and responded to effectively," said Ben Grebinski, Director of Education and CEO for Prairie Valley School Division. "He is a man of dignity, compassion and empathy yet is also firm, convincing and committed. I am blessed to have Mr. Tim Taylor as one of my principals. He is OUTSTANDING."

The winners also receive a five-day executive leadership training program on leadership and management at one of Canada's top business schools, the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management. For information about Canada's Outstanding Principals™ 2016, including a full list of the winners with biographies and photographs, visit [www.thelearningpartnership.ca/cop-award-recipients](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/cop-award-recipients).

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*Prairie Valley School Division serves approximately 8,100 students in 39 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 their potential.*

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