

A Message from the Prairie Valley Board of Education



Above Photo: February was Aboriginal Storytelling Month and the students at Montmartre School shared this beautiful artwork with the Education Centre to display throughout the month for visitors to see.

March is a busy time at the schools and at Education Centre. Students and teachers have the month to focus on student learning before the spring break in April, and the Board and staff at the Education Centre are immersed in a new cycle of planning, reporting and preparing for the 2019-2020 school year.

Currently, the Pre-K to Grade 12 education sector is working through a process to plan for the future of education beyond 2020. Part of the process involves stakeholder engagement to generate public feedback. The Board is in the process of planning three SCC regional meetings across the division in late March and early April to connect with families, students and community members to discuss what you think the future of education should look like in Saskatchewan. Meetings are set for: Bert Fox High School on March 28, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.; Education Centre April 3, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.; Broadview School April 4, 2019 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

A diversity of public voices into the provincial education plan is important and I, along with my fellow Board members, look forward to connecting with the community in this very important work.

March also means the end of the fiscal year for the provincial government and the tabling of a new budget, which we eagerly await. We believe investment in Pre K-12 education by government is vital to the overall success of the province. This year we are hopeful, though the Board and senior staff are currently preparing for a status quo budget. We are confident in our financial management practices and are committed to ensuring every dollar saved is a dollar we invest back into the classroom.

With a great team of employees and the support of our SCCs as well as parents and community members, we will approach the challenging work ahead of us over the coming months with confidence.

Janet Kotylak
Board Chair