

Grade 4 students at Aberdeen Composite School collaborating to create their classroom expectations at the start of the school year.

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Prairie Spirit reports enrolment growth

Prairie Spirit School Division is reporting another year of enrolment growth, with an increase of over 100 students this fall. Prairie Spirit has over 11,000 students in its 47 schools, effective September 30, 2019.

The official enrolment for 2019/20 exceeds the school division's projections.

All school divisions in the province must report their official enrolment numbers to the Ministry of Education as of this date each year.

Since Prairie Spirit was formed through the amalgamation of three school divisions in 2006, student enrolment has increased by approximately 2,100 students.

Saskatoon Industry-Education Council (SIEC)

Saskatoon Industry-Education Council (SIEC) was highlighted at the Board's regular meeting on October 7. Janet Uchacz-Hart, SIEC's Executive Director, provided an overview of the work of the organization and its impact on students.

SIEC is a non-profit organization working with Saskatoon Public, Saskatoon Catholic and Prairie Spirit school divisions and the Saskatoon Tribal Council, as well as community-based organizations, government agencies and employers.



Janet Uchacz-Hart (left) presenting to the Board

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Learners for Life

SIEC offers hands-on career exploration events and programs for students, including summer internships. Participants in summer internships can earn high school credits. Tyler Sargent, a 2019 Dalmeny High grad, was awarded a scholarship when he finished his internship with a local mechanical company this summer.

Over the past five years, more than 65,000 youth have been involved with SIEC programs, events and internships, including many Prairie Spirit students.

Prairie Spirit is part of a joint submission with Saskatoon Public and Saskatoon Catholic to nominate the SIEC for a Premier's Award for Innovation and Excellence in Education. The winner will be announced next month.

Dean Broughton, PSSD Coordinator, and Mike Hallgrimson, PSSD Career Development Facilitator, are on the SIEC Board of Directors. <u>SIEC</u> is funded by both the federal and provincial government.

Board submits provincial resolutions

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education has submitted two resolutions to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

School divisions around the province submit resolutions which are debated and voted on by all school board trustees during the AGM. If passed by more than 66% of the SSBA delegates, a resolution is submitted by the SSBA to the Minister of Education for further discussion and research.

One Prairie Spirit resolution addresses the costs of local municipal improvements and the financial impact on school divisions. The other resolution proposes the creation of a provincial committee to explore inclusionary practices in Saskatchewan schools.

The SSBA AGM will be held in Regina in November.

2019/20 Budget

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education approved the Division's 2019/20 budget at its meeting on June 17. The following graphics provide an overview of revenues and expenses for the upcoming year.

PRAIRIE SPIRIT SCHOOL DIVISION

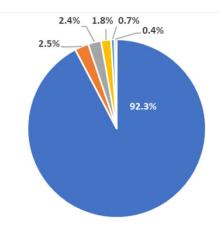
Budget Overview

2019/20

This is a snapshot of how Prairie Spirit School Division allocates provincial funding to support student learning and achievement.

Revenues

	2019/20 budget	%
Provincial grants	\$118,946,935	92.3%
External services	3,246,590	2.5%
School generated funds	3,039,000	2.4%
Tuition and related fees	2,315,044	1.8%
Complementary services	853,180	0.7%
Other revenues	460,900	0.4%
	\$128,861,649	

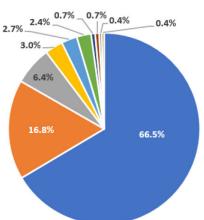


Expenses

	2019/20 budget	%
Instruction	\$83,199,827	66.5%
Facilities	21,031,223	16.8%
Transportation	8,071,022	6.4%
Administration	3,778,403	3.0%
External Services	3,318,890	2.7%
School generated funds	3,039,000	2.4%
 Other expenses	861,900	0.7%
Complementary services	844,600	0.7%
Governance	526,600	0.4%
Tuition and related fees	496,920	0.4%
	\$125,168,385	

Expenses include cash and non-cash items.

This is a balanced budget that has been approved by the Ministry of Education.





Prairie Spirit spends over 66% of revenues on our main work: instruction



Over 16% of Prairie Spirit revenue is committed to ensuring safe learning and working spaces in our school buildings and offices



Transporting over 5000 students every school day requires a commitment of over 6% of Prairie Spirit's revenue

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