

Message for Warman families

The purpose of this communication is to answer questions we're hearing about the proposed regional joint-use high school between Warman and Martensville in the RM of Corman Park.

Background

As part of the Division's long-term planning, Prairie Spirit surveyed families in Warman and Martensville in 2022. The feedback highlighted the preference for a large composite school in a central location with enhanced programming. We heard that parents want more options for students, including training for careers in the trades and other specialized programs. This feedback helped Prairie Spirit create the plan for a proposed regional joint-use high school.

This proposed school would be an effective way to address the continued growth in Warman, Martensville and the RM of Corman Park and the need for additional school spaces for both Prairie Spirit School Division and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

This school would meet the needs of the communities with the potential for expanded programming for students with opportunities like those offered at Saskatoon high schools.

Why is Prairie Spirit making this joint-use application?

- The Ministry prioritizes joint-use applications for new school projects. The strength of this application comes in both Prairie Spirit and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools making the application together.
- The application is currently at the top of the Ministry's capital project priority list. This signals that the Ministry considers this a strong application. The support of all local municipalities would make this application stronger.

Why doesn't Prairie Spirit apply for a new high school in Warman instead of this joint-use facility?

- According to the Ministry's criteria for new school projects, Prairie Spirit would not qualify for a new high school in Warman or a new high school in Martensville. However, making a joint application with Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools for Warman, Martensville and the RM of Corman Park creates a strong application.
- The Ministry uses enrolment to dictate the size of a new school which determines the number of programs it can offer. By creating a joint-use school facility with Public and Catholic students from Warman, Martensville and the RM of Corman Park, student enrolment would be much higher and the school would have the potential to offer more opportunities, e.g., a theatre, expanded industrial arts program, commercial kitchen, etc.

Will transportation be provided to a regional joint-use high school?

- Yes, according to current student transportation funding from the Ministry, we would be funded to transport students to the proposed regional joint-use high school.

What would this proposed school mean for the current schools in Warman?

- With this new regional joint-use high school, there would be two high schools to serve Warman students which would provide greater opportunities for students.

Could Warman High School expand into the Great Plains College space?

- No, this is committed space for Great Plains College. The partnership with Great Plains College was established when Warman High School was expanded and renovated almost 20 years ago. The College contributed to the construction costs of their space at Warman High School when it was renovated.

Have you considered any other locations for this proposed school?

- The proposed location for the joint-use regional school is based on two studies funded by the local municipalities through the local partnership: [Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth \(P4G\)](#).
- Prairie Spirit and Greater Saskatoon Catholic have accepted the location proposed in the P4G Regional Node Study and have not considered an alternative location as the regional joint-use high school would serve students in the area, not just one specific community.

We are committed to building a regional joint-use high school for Public and Catholic students in Warman, Martensville and the RM of Corman Park. This school will create more classroom space for both school divisions with the potential to offer enhanced learning opportunities for students.

If you have any other questions about this proposed regional joint-use high school, please contact Prairie Spirit by email: contact@spiritsd.ca

