

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Prairie Spirit appoints new Director of Education**

The Prairie Spirit Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Tracey Young as the new Director of Education for Prairie Spirit School Division, effective July 1, 2023. Darryl Bazylak, the Division's current Director, will retire at the end of June.



Tracey Young

"As a motivated and focused learning professional, Tracey brings strategic leadership skills, a commitment to building strong relationships and a focus on student and adult learning to her new role as Director of Education in Prairie Spirit School Division," said Bernie Howe, Board Chair. Young has been leading the learning plan in Prairie Spirit since 2020 in her current role as the Division's Deputy Director of Education.

Young brings a wealth of experience to her new position as a Director of Education, with demonstrated success in her roles as teacher, in-school administrator, Learning Support Facilitator, Superintendent and current Deputy Director of Education, all in Prairie Spirit.

"I am excited to serve the students and staff in Prairie Spirit where I have lived and worked for over 23 years. Prairie Spirit is home," she said. "I'm looking forward to achieving the goals of the Division's new strategic plan with the Board and our staff. We want to improve options for students, continue to support them in their mental health and well-being and ensure they have the skills they need to be successful."

Young completed a Master of Education in Curriculum Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in 2011. She is actively involved in provincial education committees and leadership.

"Tracey is an excellent choice as Director of Prairie Spirit School Division. She has a long history of success in our Division and is also a leader provincially on several education committees and teams," said Bazylak.

The Board expressed appreciation to Darryl Bazylak for his dedicated service as Director of Education since 2021. "Darryl has led the Division's work to renew its strategic plan for the next three years," Howe said. "The Board is looking forward to sharing the renewed strategic plan with students, staff, families and the community."

Prairie Spirit School Division serves 12,000 students in 47 schools and 28 communities surrounding the City of Saskatoon.

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