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### New President and Vice-President for SSBA

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SASKATOON – The membership of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association has chosen Connie Bailey of the Sun West Board of Education as the new President of the organization and Ronna Pethick of the Living Sky Board of Education as the new Vice-President.

“I’m thankful for being given the opportunity to represent Saskatchewan’s 28 boards of education in my new role,” said Bailey. “Our vision is that by 2025, Saskatchewan will have a globally recognized education system that others wish to emulate. To support student achievement, the SSBA provides leadership, coordination and services to member boards.”

Bailey previously served as Vice-President on the SSBA Executive. Pethick previously served as Central Constituency Representative on the Executive. Bailey and Pethick were acclaimed to their new roles during the SSBA’s Annual General Meeting on Monday. They will officially assume their new duties following the close of the meeting later in the week.

Bailey thanked outgoing president Janet Foord, who did not seek re-election, for her years of service. Bailey said she looks forward to continuing to work together with Foord in her capacity as president of the Canadian School Boards Association.

The SSBA Executive members are all school board trustees. Representatives for the SSBA’s seven constituencies – Aboriginal, Catholic, Urban Public, Conseil des écoles franciskoises, Central, Southern and Northern – are chosen by their counterparts. All trustees in the province are eligible to vote for the SSBA President and Vice-President.

**NOTE: New SSBA President Connie Bailey will be available along with Janet Foord at the SSBA-LEADS-SASBO Joint Conference media availability – Tuesday, Nov. 18, 11:45 a.m., TCU Place, Salon A/B/C Lobby. Bailey is also available to be scheduled for interviews at any time upon request.**

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