

# SUN WEST SCHOOL DIVISION REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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# STRATEGIC DIRECTION

**Sun West School Division is committed to providing learning environments and opportunities where students are learning what they need for the future, feel safe and supported, and have a sense of value and belonging.**

The Board of Education for the Sun West School Division sets the strategic direction for the Division, and it continues to be committed to student-centric education. Aligned with the Provincial Education Plan (PEP), Sun West has enacted its 2023-26 Education Plan, that emphasizes three core priorities: achievement, engagement, and well-being.

## ***Achievement: Indigenous Perspectives Plan and Grade Alike Planning (GAP) Initiative***

Sun West successfully completed year two of its five-year Indigenous Perspectives plan, promoting the understanding of First Nations and Métis history and culture.

Sun West has introduced the three-year Grade Alike Planning (GAP) initiative aimed at creating personalized pathways for learners, which demonstrates Sun West's commitment to a diverse and inclusive education.



**Board Chair and Subdivision 6 Trustee John Collins with Sun West Student Leadership member Jayden St. John at 2023 Student Leadership Conference.**

## ACHIEVEMENT



**Subdivision 3 Trustee Karen Itterman (l) and Subdivision 7 Trustee Cahty Morrow (r) attending Indigenous Knowledge Workshop in Dinsmore.**

## ENGAGEMENT



**Subdivision 9 Trustee Ruth Griffith with Westcliffe Composite School Principal Erin Pincemin at a SCC Chairs meeting.**

## WELL-BEING

### **Trustees on the Sun West Board of Education:**

*(Back:left to right) Sue Lytle (Subdivision 4), Karen Itterman (3), Cara Nisbet (8), Cathy Morrow (7), Michelle Brummund (1) (Front: Left to right) Ruth Griffith (9), John Collins (6) Scott Sander (5) and Michele Whitfield (2).*



### **Engagement: PowerPlay Fosters Entrepreneurship and Stronger Connections**

Participation in the PowerPlay: Young Entrepreneurs program and the continued emphasis on a systems approach to parent engagement demonstrated Sun West's dedication to nurturing students' interests and building stronger connections with families.

### **Well-being: Addressing the Complex Needs in Sun West Schools**

The diverse needs of Sun West students are met through specialized programming, including the Mental Wellness Committee, Prekindergarten, nutrition programs, English as an Additional Language offerings, and the Independent Education Program (IndEP). A dedicated team of student support staff ensure a holistic approach to student well-being.

### **Personalized Learning and PeBL Philosophy: Empowering Students for Future Success**

Personalized learning through the Personalized electronically Blended Learning (PeBL) philosophy continues to be the cornerstone of Sun West's educational approach. Emphasizing 21st-century skill development, Sun West empowered students to actively participate in their education, fostering curiosity and passion for learning.

More information is available in the Sun West 2022-23 Annual Report that is available on the Sun West website at:  
[www.sunwestsd.ca/governance/annual-reports/](http://www.sunwestsd.ca/governance/annual-reports/)



*Trustees and senior management met with Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill (third on the left) and local MLAs in early 2024.*

## **ACHIEVEMENT**



*Chair Collins (right standing) with Lilah McIvor of Mid-Sask Community Futures at Innovation Day in Kenaston, part of the PowerPlay program .*

## **ENGAGEMENT**



*Trustee Itterman has some fun at Biggar Central School 2000.*

## **WELL-BEING**

### **Sun West logo Refreshed Starting Fall 2024:**

*To create a consistent Sun West School Division brand, the Board of Education has consolidated the logos previously used into one single logo. The new logo maintains the strengths of past logos while providing a clean, modern look. Full implementation will be in place by August 2024.*



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# ACHIEVEMENT

Sun West focuses on improving students' knowledge and skills for future learning, life and participation in society.

Students will be inspired to reach their potential by their learning experiences and opportunities.

As part of its 2023-26 Education Plan, Sun West is implementing evidence-based assessment practices that guide and strengthen responsive instruction and personalized learning opportunities.

Sun West is also continuing to focus on student mastery of foundational literacy and math outcomes.

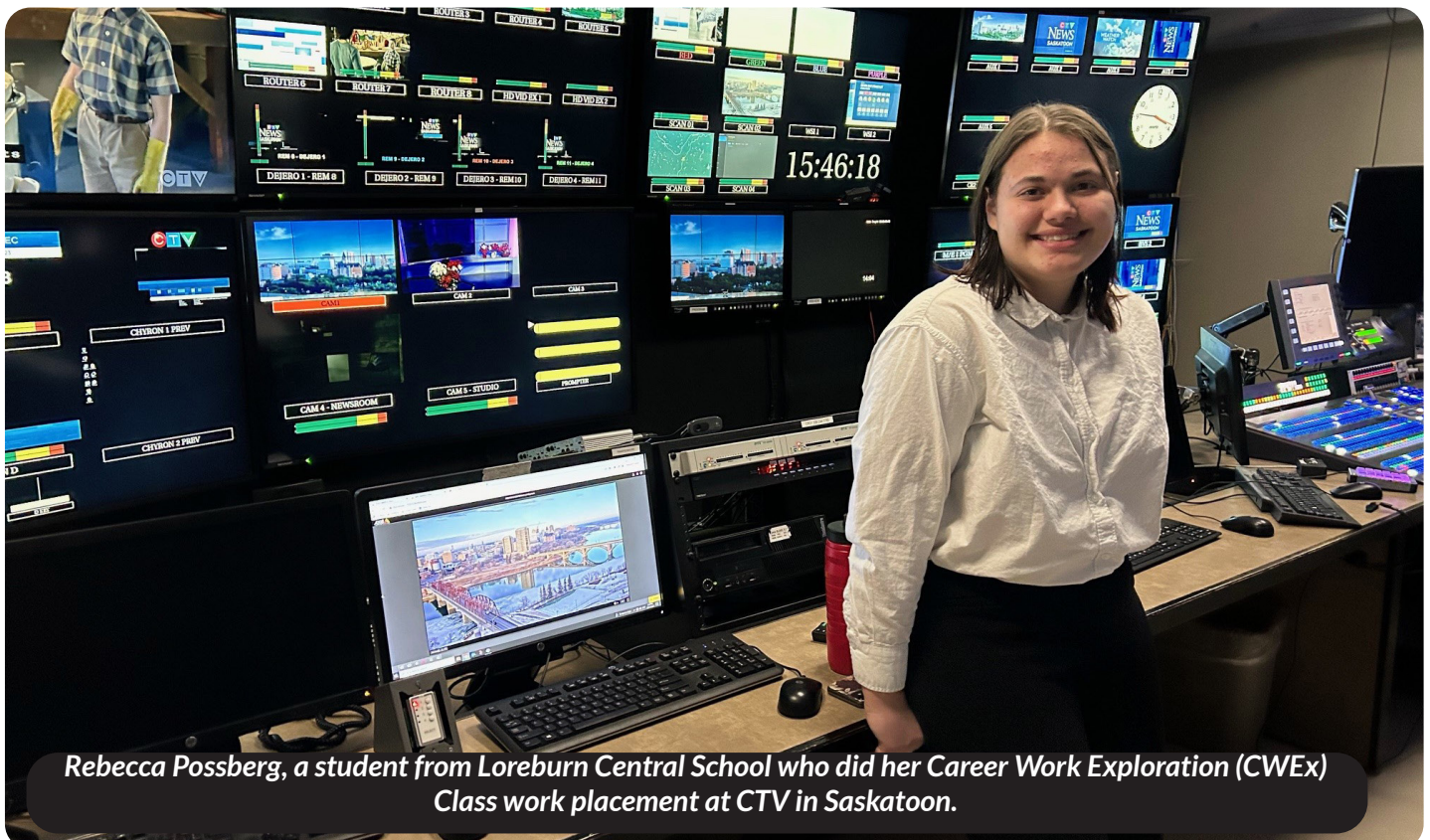
Sun West is also working towards actualizing the goals of the *Inspiring Success: PreK-12 First Nations and Métis Education Policy Framework*.



Students and Staff at Beechy School during the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



A proposal from Lucky Lake School earned the school funding to renovate their science lab.



Rebecca Possberg, a student from Loreburn Central School who did her Career Work Exploration (CWEx) Class work placement at CTV in Saskatoon.

# ENGAGEMENT

Sun West focuses on improving engagement and motivation through personalized learning environments and instruction.

Students will be empowered through attaining 21st Century competencies and deepened relationships among parents, school and community.

As part of its 2023-26 Education Plan, Sun West is enhancing connections and engagement with parents/caregivers and communities.

Sun West supports personalized pathways to graduation.

Sun West supports the growth of School Community Councils (SCCs).

Sun West enhances engagement and understanding of diverse perspectives.



Westberry Elementary parent Mitchell Hope with his children. Mr. Hope participated in the Parent Teacher Home Visits Program.



A young entrepreneur preparing for business at the Eaton School PowerPlay Fair.



Participants at SCC Chairs Meeting. (Back: l-r) Zdena Mutlow (RCHS), Tara Bokitch (Loreburn), Melissa Walker (Elrose), Jennifer Pittman (Eston), Kim Becker (Eaton), Melissa Haugen (Beechy), Desiree Seime (NWCS), Amanda Richardson (Kyle), Jaclyn Davis (Kyle), Rhonda Heather (BCS2000) (Front: l-r) Chantelle Benjamin (D'Arcy), Danielle Renaud (Westberry), Elice Fuhr (Elizabeth), Cheryl Glass (Kindersley Comp), Tanya Ellis (Dinsmore) Gloria Simonson (Lucky Lake).

# WELL-BEING

Sun West focuses on providing an inclusive and safe learning environment that fosters well-being through mental health and emotional wellness capacity building.

Students will feel valued, supported and have a sense of belonging.

As part of its 2023-26 Education Plan, Sun West is maintaining its sustained focus and attention on mental health and well-being for all Sun West students and staff.

Sun West will enhance mental health literacy among staff, students, and parents/caregivers.

Sun West will introduce and provide education on, and implement, trauma sensitive practices.



Sports contribute to student well-being at intramural, curricular and extracurricular levels.



Students from Rossville School celebrating Education Week in Saskatchewan.



Grades 9-12 students from Loreburn Central School participating in a Sun Rise Breakfast as part of their Monthly Wilderness Wellness Initiative.

# HIGHLIGHTS

**Sun West students and staff live up to the Sun West vision statement, “Success for All,” in many different ways. These are a small number of examples.**

In September 2023, the Sun West Leadership Team started the year with its Travelling Road Show that took 11 team members to nine schools where they spoke to over 400 students about the Student Leadership Program. As a result, the annual Sun West Student Leadership Seminar in October attracted 75 students from every Sun West school with a Grades 8-12 component, making it one of the largest seminars ever!

Sun West athletes were great competitors on regional, district and provincial levels. Of particular note, the Davidson Raiders Senior Girls Volleyball Team won gold at 2023 provincials and two Rosetown Central High School athletes, Dami Igbekoyi and Taya Green, both won gold at 2023 Provincial Track and Field.

Sun West students avidly participate in extracurricular activities and contribute hours in community service while still doing well academically. Two students, Jill Dobbin, a graduate of Kindersley Composite School and Jan Nasibog, a Grade 11 student at Rosetown Central High School have been recognized for excelling in all these areas. Jill received a full four-year scholarship to Carleton University in Ottawa and is a past recipient of the Vimy Foundation Award. Jan was selected from the Saskatchewan Youth Council and is also receiving the Vimy Foundation Award.

In 2022 and 2023, Sun West held a Student Art Contest. During these two years over 500 PreK-12 Sun West students created paintings and drawings suitable for display in the Sun West Division Office in Rosetown. The artwork captured life in Sun West School Division in many diverse, beautiful and wonderful ways.



*The 75 students who participated in the 2023 Sun West Student Leadership Seminar.*



*The Provincial Champion Davidson Raiders Senior Girls Volleyball Team.*

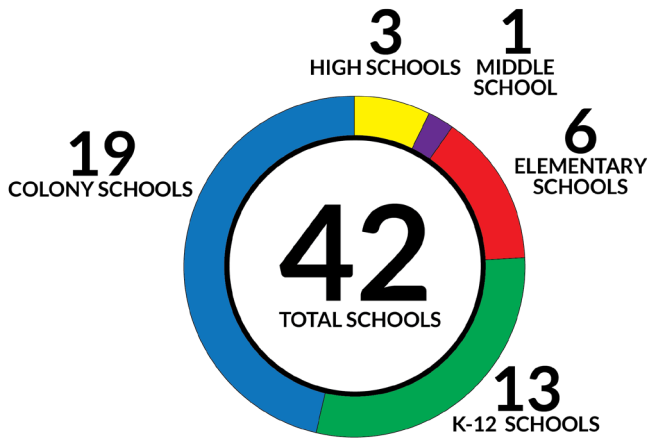


*Jill Dobbin (right) and Jan Nasibog*

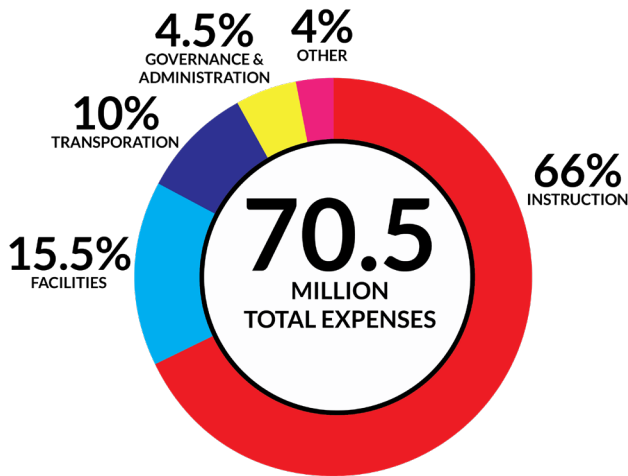


*Winners of the 2022-23 Sun West Art Contest from Cherry Grove School, Loreburn Colony.*

# OPERATIONS



As of opening of Eston Colony School, scheduled for spring, 2024.



Based on 2023-24 budget.

- 4727** Total enrollment in Sun West schools as of Sept. 30, 2023.
- 769.3** Total Full-Time Equivalent Sun West staff as of Sept. 30, 2023.
- 2093** Total students transported by buses and covering 19,536 km daily as of Sept. 30, 2023.



Sun West School Division Office Staff in Rosetown in September 2023.



Facilities planning meeting in September 2023.



School Bus Driver meeting at Kenaston School in August 2023.



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