

Education Minister Celebrates 10th Anniversary of School Division Amalgamations

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Today Education Minister Don Morgan joined representatives from the Prairie South School Division to celebrate that it has been 10 years since 71 school divisions in Saskatchewan amalgamated to become 14.

In 2006, 12 school divisions were created through amalgamation and two were restructured, including:

- Prairie South School Division
- Chinook School Division
- Prairie Valley School Division
- Northwest School Division
- Living Sky School Division
- South East Cornerstone School Division
- Christ the Teacher Roman Catholic Separate School Division
- St. Paul's Roman Catholic Separate School Division
- Sun West School Division
- Prairie Spirit School Division
- North East School Division
- Good Spirit School Division
- Horizon School Division
- Saskatchewan Rivers School Division

“It’s important for us to celebrate the students, teachers, communities and school divisions

who were a part of these changes and recognize their commitment to strengthening our school divisions in Saskatchewan,” Morgan said. “Since the amalgamations, these 14 school divisions have done an excellent job increasing educational opportunities and supports for their students by improving and broadening programs and services.”

The Prairie South School Division was formed when seven former school divisions amalgamated.

“Looking back, it was a positive move for our students,” Prairie South School Division Superintendent Lori Meyer said. “Levels of equity have been achieved that would not have been possible without the pooling of resources of the seven former divisions. A new world of opportunity and possibility was opened up for all of our students, and teachers are connected and interact in ways they never would have – they learn together.”

The school division restructuring came in response to a 2004 report led by the Commission on Financing Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education, which called on the province to make the changes in order to restore fairness and equity to the school system.

Morgan will be visiting school divisions across the province over the next month to take part in similar celebrations.

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