



MEDIA RELEASE

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Living Sky School Division students excited to be back in school

The Living Sky School Division Board of Education welcomes back students today. School staff have been working hard to prepare for the return of the students. Caretakers have been working all summer to ensure students have a safe, clean and welcoming environment to learn in. Bus drivers have made sure their buses are in top shape to transport the students to school and have already greeted students with a smile this morning. Teachers and school support staff have been busy ensuring students will be welcomed back to school in a fun and exciting way and are ready to learn and grow together.

We asked a few students/staff this morning how they felt about the first day of school and this is how they responded:

"I'm very excited to be back at school." (Grade One Student)

"This is better than Halloween!" (Grade One Student)

"They [teachers] will all wake up once they get their coffee." (Teacher)

This year we welcome 22 new teachers and 13 interns to the division. Last week they attended a workshop where they had an opportunity to learn about the beliefs and values of the school division and were given valuable information to take with them into their classrooms. We are excited to have them join our division and wish them a very successful year!

At Living Sky School Division we believe student learning is priority number one; students learn and staff work best in caring, respectful environments; and our organization is accountable to students, parents and community. With that in mind, schools have organized welcome back pancake breakfasts, meet the teacher nights and school tours over the next couple of weeks to ensure students feel welcome and parents/caregivers are included in their child's learning journey.

When asked how she feels about the upcoming school year, Director of Education Brenda Vickers replied, *"I'm very excited about the 2017-18 school year. Together, we'll do all we can to realize the Board's vision of **Growth Without Limits, Learning For All.**"*



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Living Sky School Division is situated in Northwest Central Saskatchewan. It encompasses a wide geographic area including the Battlefords, many communities, villages, First Nation communities and Hutterite colonies. Currently, twenty-eight schools are located in eighteen communities. Our schools include PreK-12, elementary, high schools and alternate schools with a student population of approximately 5,700 students.

Living Sky School Division is a public school division, and as such, acts as a working model of civil society, helping to create, sustain and improve our communities. Children of every description and interest are educated together in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Students gain an understanding of diverse cultures, customs and beliefs within the school and community. Our schools prepare students to be capable and open-minded individuals.

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Living Sky School Division adheres to the following values:

Care – Integrity – Trust – Honesty – Mutual Respect – Courage – Commitment – Inclusion – Innovation – Transparency

Growth Without Limits, Learning For All