

Directions Newsletter

Regular Meeting of the Board

September 2020

Opening Day Enrolments

Kyle McIntyre, Director of Education

The enrolment numbers often change daily in the first month of the school year, and are not yet official. As of September 9, 2019, Chinook has 5893 students, resulting in 31 students fewer than the previous year.

Within this total, this year 194 students are "Chinook at-home learners" and 177 have chosen Home-Based Education (delivered by a parent or caregiver). Enrolment is expected to fluctuate throughout the first month and official numbers will be released after September 30, 2020.



Education Services Agreement with Nekaneet First Nation



Chinook School Division is dedicated to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration. It is important for the parties to work together and continue an open, ongoing relationship.

Community and student engagement are essential components toward high school graduation and, more than ever, strong partnerships are required for better student engagement and success.

Chinook and Nekaneet are strongly interested in improving student outcomes, education attainment levels and academic success rates. They are working together to ensure that Nekaneet students all have access to, and receive, high quality education that is respectful and reflective of their unique culture and history.

Representatives of Nekaneet First Nation, Council Members Roberta Francis and Shauna Buffalo Calf, and Irene Oakes, Education Support, were in attendance at the Chinook Board Meeting to give greetings and officially sign the agreement with Chinook Board Chair, Kim Pridmore, CFO, Rod Quintin and Director of Education, Kyle McIntyre.

Through the new Education Services agreement, Chinook is making the commitment to providing high quality, linguistically and culturally appropriate education services to the Nekaneet First Nation students who are enrolled in division schools.









Saskatchewan School Board Elections



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the position of trustee for Chinook School Division sub-divisions 1-7 (one position per subdivision) will be received starting on September 22 and until October 7 at 4:00pm. Nomination forms may be obtained at the Chinook Education Centre, at your local Urban Municipal office, or on our website: chinooksd.ca/Board/Election.

Nominations for sub-divisions 1-7 must be submitted personally or by agent to: Chinook Education Centre, 2100 Gladstone St. E., Swift Current; by mail to Box 1809, Swift Current, S9H 4J8; email electioninfo@chinooksd.ca; or fax 306-773-8011.

Nominations for Sub-division 8 Swift Current, 3 Positions, must be submitted to: City Hall, 177 1st Avenue NE, Swift Current. Details at swiftcurrent.ca.

The Saskatchewan school board elections will be on November 9, 2020 and occur along with the municipal elections. Further information is available on the Chinook website: chinooksd.ca/Board/Election.

MAIL-IN BALLOT

For voters who anticipate being unable to vote at an established polling station in the subdivisions where there will be an election, there will be a **mail-in ballot option**.

The Returning Officer of the Chinook School Division will be accepting applications to vote in subdivisions 1-7 using a mail-in ballot from Tuesday, September 15, 2020 until Monday, October 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Applications may be made by email, fax, regular mail or in person. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all in person applications will require an appointment to be made in advance. Voters may contact the Chinook Education Centre for an available date and time. All applicants must provide proof of identity and residence as per Section 14 of The Local Government Election Regulations, 2015.

Voters will send their mail in ballots to the Chinook Education Centre by post mail or delivery, and the ballots must be received at CEC no later than 4:00pm on November 9, 2020.

The City of Swift Current is also offering a mail-in ballot option for sub-division 8 (Swift Current), along with the municipal election. More details can be found on their website: swiftcurrent.ca.







