

Seven Oaks School Division

2016 Report to Community



**Community
Begins Here!**



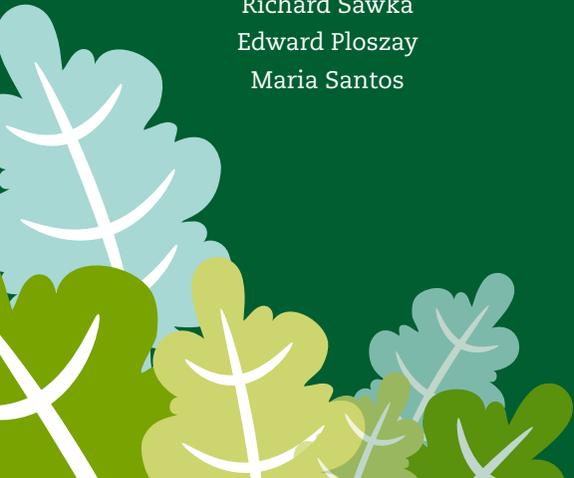
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Message from the Chair

Community really does begin here in Seven Oaks. The success of our students and strength of our schools rely upon the contributions of so many people.

On behalf of the school board I would like to thank our outgoing provincial government and retiring MLAs Gord Mackintosh, Dave Chomiak and Melanie Wight for their support of our schools while in government. We would like to congratulate our new government and the incoming officials on their election. We look forward to working with new Conservative MLAs Ron Schuler (St. Paul) and Nick Curry (Kildonan) and will look for their assistance on funding much-needed capital projects to house our expanding enrolment, meeting child care needs and implementing a much fairer provincial funding formula.

Together, we will continue and build upon the great work our schools are known for. We have a graduation rate that is consistently above 90%. Our students are engaged (so much so that levels of student engagement in core subjects like Language Arts, Maths and Science are among the best in the country). Participation in sports and the arts is incredibly high. Our grads are on a solid path to success in college, university and career thanks to our Beyond Grade 12 and Cooperative Vocational Education initiatives.

Despite these proud accomplishments, our Board is focused on getting better.

We're concerned about the health and wellness of our students and have begun a pilot program to promote

physical activity and healthier eating. We've entered into a partnership with the Winnipeg Police Service to bring School Resource Officers into all our schools to help make them the safest spaces possible. We're expanding career options for our passionate high school students and are supporting the continued professional development of our staff so we all continue to get better at everything we do.

We are growing our programming and our population, which means we are both the fastest growing school division in Winnipeg and also the most crowded. We desperately need more space and also need to expand our offerings to students to maintain a leading-edge position in our province's education system.

To accommodate this, we remain a lean, low spending school division. And while we've been successful at directing our resources to where they do the most good – the classroom – we now need a fairer system of funding for our students and taxpayers.

Our Board of Trustees and our staff will continue to work hard on behalf of our Seven Oaks community to ensure we continue to enjoy the successes you're about to read about in this year's Report to Community.

- Claudia Sarbit, Chair

Spend Less, Save More

While we spend less money than any other division, we spend smartly. We put dollars straight into classrooms and spend on programming that makes a difference – a difference that is truly clear to see.

Our graduation rates are steadily climbing. Nearly 300 Grade 12 students are currently participating simultaneously in both high school and post-secondary courses. Our grads received half a million dollars in bursaries and scholarships in 2014-15 alone.

But what sets us apart isn't exclusive to our outgoing population. Our kids grow up in a prudent school system rich with opportunity, right from their first day of kindergarten.

Early Years:

- Small class sizes
- Leading-edge numeracy and literacy programs

- Focus on student-teacher relationships

Middle Years:

- A never-ending slate of extracurricular activities, arts programming and athletic opportunities to help them discover the world and themselves
- Extensive core choral and band programs
- Technology, Arts and Sports programs in all schools
- Extended Day programs that allow students to start earlier or stay later to develop skills in their areas of interest

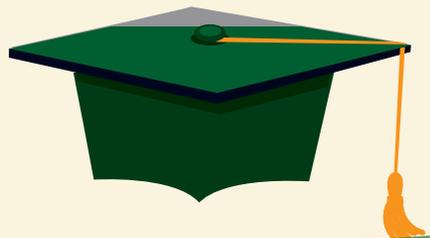
5000+ kids

participating in school
athletics



93% graduation rate

up from 70% 10 years ago





High School:

- Programming that responds to needs and passions
- Cooperative Vocational Education that offers a direct route to certification, employment and college training
- Beyond Grade 12 Now! in-timetable post-secondary courses
- The award-winning MET School
- Wayfinders mentorship and after-school program (an award-winning offering that increases the chance of graduating high school from 52% to 86% for its 330 students)

We create engaging opportunities.
We invest our money where it counts.
And we see results because of it.



2 of 3 graduates

go on to further education
in university, college, trade
schools and apprenticeships

We Watch Our Spending – And Yours

We know finances are a going concern for all families – that’s why we strategize to save our parents every possible penny.

We’re proud to offer:

- Lunch supervision at all schools
- Before and after school programs
- On-site daycares
- No school fees
- Low cost school supplies
- No-cost field trips, special projects and other in-class activities

Between school supplies, band instruments, field trips/locker fees and lunch supervision alone we save parents \$740 per year, per child.

We also give kids a chance to participate in no-cost Learn to Skate and Swim programs, Sistema Winnipeg Music program in cooperation with Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and after-hours recreation programs that help kids find a place to belong.

All kids deserve the best opportunities education has to offer, both in and out of the classroom. And while nothing comes for free these days, we can ensure quality education and lifelong exploration come at as low a cost as possible.

School supplies
\$120 saving



Band instruments
\$220 saving





Lunch supervision
\$350 saving



Field trips/locker fees
\$50 saving



Our Spaces, Our Community

As our enrollment continues to climb – from 8,823 students in 2004 to more than 11,400 students projected in 2016 – we’ve made certain our expanding community enjoys first-rate facilities.

Over the last eight years our operating budgets have allowed us to renovate Edmund Partridge Community School, build new common areas at both Garden City Collegiate and Maples Collegiate and open a new location for the Met School.

Manitoba Government funding helped us build a new high school (West Kildonan Collegiate, 2008) and two new early years schools – Amber Trails Community School (2015) and the new École Rivière Rouge, set to open in Fall 2016.

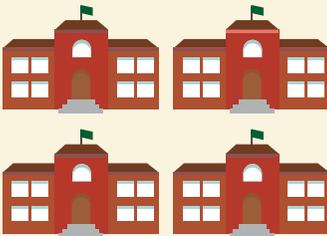
We also successfully lobbied for new shops at Garden City Collegiate and a major overhaul at R.F. Morrison School.

Our sights are now set on an addition to Amber Trails (2018), a new K-5 dual track school on Templeton east of Pipeline (2019) and an expansion at West Kildonan Collegiate (2020).

In addition to expanding our infrastructure, we’re expanding who uses it.

4 new schools

built in 8 years



Nearly 3,000

more students than in 2004





We've recently increased the community use of our facilities for extracurricular activities and community groups like dance troupes, sports leagues and other organizations for more than 20,000 hours of use in 2014-15 alone.

This brings in revenue that we can put straight back into our classrooms and into putting down new roots that support our sprouting communities.



20,000 hours

of community facility use in 2015



Amber Trails School
1575 Templeton Avenue
204-697-5965

Arthur E. Wright Community School
1520 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6314

École Belmont School
525 Belmont Avenue
204-338-7893

Collicutt School
75 Cottingham Street
204-338-7937

École Constable Edward Finney School
25 Anglia Avenue
204-694-8688

Edmund Partridge Community School
1874 Main Street
204-339-9889

Elwick Community School
30 Maberley Road
204-633-5641

Forest Park School
130 Forest Park Drive
204-338-9341

Garden City Collegiate
711 Jefferson Avenue
204-339-2058

Governor Semple School
150 Hartford Avenue
204-339-7112

H.C. Avery Middle School
10 Marigold Bay
204-334-4391

École James Nisbet Community School
70 Doubleday Drive
204-633-8870



École Leila North Community School

20 Allan Blye Drive
204-694-8071

Maples Collegiate

1330 Jefferson Avenue
204-632-6641

Margaret Park School

385 Cork Avenue
204-338-9384

O.V. Jewitt Community School

66 Neville Street
204-633-1714

R.F. Morrison School

25 Morrison Street
204-338-7804

École Riverbend Community School

123 Red River Boulevard W
204-334-8417

École Seven Oaks Middle School

800 Salter Street
204-586-0327

Victory School

395 Jefferson Avenue
204-586-9716

West Kildonan Collegiate

101 Ridgecrest Avenue
204-339-6959

West St. Paul School

3740 Main Street
204-339-1964

**Seven Oaks School Division MET
School**

711 Jefferson Avenue
204-336-5050

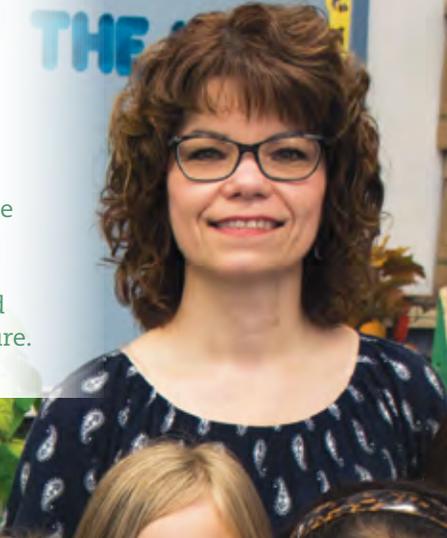
Seven Oaks Adult Learning Centre

950 Jefferson Ave.
204-632-1716

“I want to be a teacher who not only keeps wonder alive but introduces a sense of wonder into all areas of learning.”

- Victory School teacher Cheryl McQueen

Winner of the 2016 Teaching Excellence Minister's Award, given annually to four Manitoba teachers who exhibit excellence in providing stimulating and purposeful learning opportunities, connecting knowledge and skills to student lives and making a positive impact on school culture.



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