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Greetings from the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board!

Spring is on its way and that means it's time to provide an update on our fall and winter activities.

Annual Registration and Certification

Over 18,000 teachers in Saskatchewan completed their annual registration with the SPTRB for the 2023-2024 school year. The current number of registrations as of March 1st, 2024 was 18,248. Within that total, 377 Registered Teachers indicated that they are employed at a First Nation operated school.

Thank you For Your Service!

Linda Blaser-Fiddler



Linda has served on the SPTRB's Board of Director's since the inception of the regulatory board in 2015. April of 2024 marks the end of Linda's third and final term serving as a Director. The SPTRB is very appreciative of Linda's dedication of time and effort over the course of the last nine years. We wish Linda all the best in the future.

Most Recent Appointments to the SPTRB Board of Directors

Jason Benson and Ben Goby were appointed to the SPTRB Board of Directors during the summer of 2023. Jason and Ben attended their first Board of Directors meeting on September 20, 2023. Please see below to learn a bit more about Jason and Ben.

Ben Goby



Ben was born, raised, and educated in south Saskatchewan. He received his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Regina in 2009. Ben has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees from the University of Regina and a Master of Education degree from the University of New Brunswick. Ben has been teaching for the past 14 years for the Regina Public School Division and currently teaches at Wilfred Hunt Elementary School.

Jason Benson



Originally from Ontario, Jason Benson has lived in Saskatoon since 1987. He attended the University of Saskatchewan, completing a bachelor's degrees in mathematics and education as well as a master's degree in education. Jason has worked in education for 26 years teaching elementary, high school and online education. He has been in administration for the past 15 years and is currently working as the principal of Bishop James Mahoney.

Newest SPTRB Staff Member

Markus Rubrecht assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the SPTRB on August 1, 2023, succeeding Trevor Smith upon his retirement. Markus extends his deepest gratitude to Trevor for his exemplary stewardship of the SPTRB since its inception in 2015 and wishes Trevor all the best as he moves onto a new chapter in his life.

Markus brings 25 years of educational experience to SPTRB, having found success in the classroom as a teacher and administrator with the Regina Catholic School Division. Throughout his career, he has served the profession through membership on several Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation committees, Ministry of Education curriculum committees, the STF provincial executive, and as an SPTRB board member from 2018 to 2023. He has a B.A. in Psychology, B.Ed (After Degree) and M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction, all conferred by the University of Regina.

Over the past number of months Markus has enjoyed the many learning opportunities associated with stepping into a new role. Markus adds, "The SPTRB staff have been beyond helpful and supportive as I acclimatize to the position." Markus is also very appreciative of the opportunity to collaborate with all partners within Saskatchewan's education sector. Partners include organizations such as the Ministry of Education, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF), the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA), The Saskatchewan League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents (LEADS), the Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials (SASBO), the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, First Nations University Canada (FNUC), the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and First Nations education directors and principals.



SPTRB Board of Directors & Committee Work

The SPTRB is grateful for the wonderful participation and dedication of the individuals who serve on our committees and working groups. The SPTRB Board of Directors have held meetings in September and November of 2023, and another scheduled in March of 2024 was rescheduled to May. On November 29, 2023, the SPTRB held their Annual Meeting and presented the SPTRB Annual Report. The SPTRB Annual Report for 2022-2023 can be found [here](#).

The SPTRB Board of Directors meet several times a year. Board members regularly serve on a variety of standing sub-committees such as the Appointments Committee, the Audit Committee, the Governance Committee and the Human Resources Committee. Some of our Board members also participate on committees with other sector partners such as the Teacher Education and Certification Committee (TECC), and the Continual Professional Learning and Currency of Practice (CPLCP) working group.

Call for Committee Members

Vacancy on Continual Professional Learning & Currency of Practice Working Group

The Continual Professional Learning and Currency of Practice (CPLCP) working group is an ad hoc committee that is tasked with making recommendations to TECC regarding continual professional development and currency of practice. The group consists of a steering committee which includes three members of TECC who are representatives from the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, the Ministry of Education and the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board along with four Registered Teachers. The CPLCP working group met on January 10, 2024, to hear a preliminary report from the University of Regina's Centre for Educational Research, Collaboration, & Development (CERCD) regarding a research survey that the SPTRB commissioned to gather more information about continual professional learning and currency of practice. The final report will be ready at the end of June 2024 and CERCD will present it to the CPLCP working group in the Fall of 2024. The report will include an executive summary and will provide recommendations for the CPLCP working group to consider.

Please consider applying for a position on the SPTRB's Continual Professional Learning and Currency of Practice (CPLCP) working group.

The CPLCP working group is seeking two Registered Teachers to join the group.

The CPLCP working group will ultimately be responsible for making recommendations to the Teacher Education and Certification Committee concerning:

1. A continual professional learning framework for Registered Teachers; and
2. A currency of practice framework for Registered Teachers.

Please submit your expression of interest to registrar@sptrb.ca by May 8, 2024. Expressions of interest should include:

1. A statement explaining what you can contribute to the working group;
2. The names of three professional references who will provide letters in support of your participation on the working group (references should email letters of support directly to registrar@sptrb.ca with your name in the subject line); and
3. Acknowledgement that your employer, should you be selected for the working group, will approve of your absence from work for 3 to 5 days (in total) during the 2023 – 2024 and 2024 –2025 school years.

Important Information for Provisional Certificate Holders

This is a reminder to individuals who hold Provisional teaching certificates in the province of Saskatchewan that **Provisional Certificates will expire on June 30, 2024**. Please ensure you take the necessary steps to maintain a valid teaching certificate.

Option 1: You will not have completed the conditions associated with your Provisional Certificate before June 30, 2024.

- Complete the [Provisional Renewal Application](#) between May 1 – June 30, 2024 to avoid having to submit additional documentation because you allowed your Provisional Certificate to lapse.

Option 2: You anticipate that you will have completed all conditions associated with your Provisional Certificate by June 30, 2024.

- Complete the [Provisional Removal Application](#) (and submit all documentation proving that you have met all conditions) prior to July 31, 2024 to avoid having to submit additional documentation (an additional 30 days is permitted to allow for submission of Confirmation of Employment Form from your employer to the SPTRB).

Reminder:

Provisional Certificate holders must demonstrate progress towards the completion of the conditions associated with their certificate in order for a third renewal to be granted. Those who are unable to demonstrate progress will only be able to apply for a renewal of an expired Provisional Certificate with proof of employment within Saskatchewan in a position requiring a teaching certificate. A Confirmation of Employment form is available on our website under About Us > Services, for your employer to complete and submit to the SPTRB. Employers are responsible for ensuring that all employees requiring a teaching certificate to hold employment have a valid teaching certificate (and are registered for the school year) prior to their first day of employment.

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Registration Renewal for the 2024-2025 school year will open on May 1, 2024.

Anyone employed by a publicly funded school division, in a position requiring a Saskatchewan teaching certificate, must be registered prior to their first day of employment in the school year. For those who work as educators outside of the publicly funded school division, employers will determine if they require you to be registered as part of your employment contract. Current registrations expire on **August 31, 2024**.

Christmas Cheer Campaign

In December of 2023, the SPTRB Social Committee launched a Christmas Cheer campaign to collect non-perishable food donations for the Regina Food Bank. With the Regina Food Bank reporting that it has seen a 49.3% increase in visits between 2019 and 2023, it seemed like a meaningful opportunity to give back to the community. The goal was set to collect 200 pounds of donations over a three-week period so that the collected items could be delivered and distributed in advance of the holidays. Along with the SPTRB team of 10 staff, invitations were sent to our building partners to participate as well. When all of the items were weighed upon delivery at the Regina Food Bank, we were happy to learn that we hit our goal of 200 pounds on the nose. With the generosity of all those who donated, it reminded us that the actions of even a small group of individuals can make a big difference!

Updating Contact Information

Have you moved recently? Do you have a new preferred email? Did you get rid of your landline? If your address, phone number or email have changed please ensure that your most up to date contact information is listed under your SPTRB profile. Just follow the steps listed below:

1. Sign into your SPTRB account.
2. Click "Educator Profile"
3. Click on the pencil icon by "Current Addresses" to update mailing address, phone number, and/or email address



SPTRB Contact Information

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the SPTRB office. The SPTRB staff are always ready to help.

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