

# 2022-23 Snapshot



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We are pleased to share a snapshot of the 2022-23 school year, following the tabling of our annual report in the Saskatchewan Legislature. With our mission, vision, values, and goals as a guide, we aim to provide students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for success in an ever-evolving world.

We are proud to have emerged as trailblazers in Truth and Reconciliation. Recognizing historical injustices, promoting understanding, and building meaningful relationships have helped us contribute to the collective journey towards reconciliation and a more inclusive society.

Finally, we take pride in maintaining one of the lowest pupil-to-teacher ratios in the province, allowing our educators to better address students' individual needs and cultivate a sense of belonging.

As we embrace the challenges and opportunities that 2023-24 brings, we remain steadfast in our mission to nurture young minds, cultivate a love for learning, and empower students to become informed, compassionate, and responsible citizens. Together, with the support of our dedicated staff, engaged parents, and vibrant School Community Councils, we look forward to continued growth and achievement.



*Linda  
Mattock*  
Board Chair



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Director of  
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As long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows, we in Horizon School Division will uphold our

## *Mission*

Nurturing a community of excellence by providing diverse learning opportunities.

## *Vision*

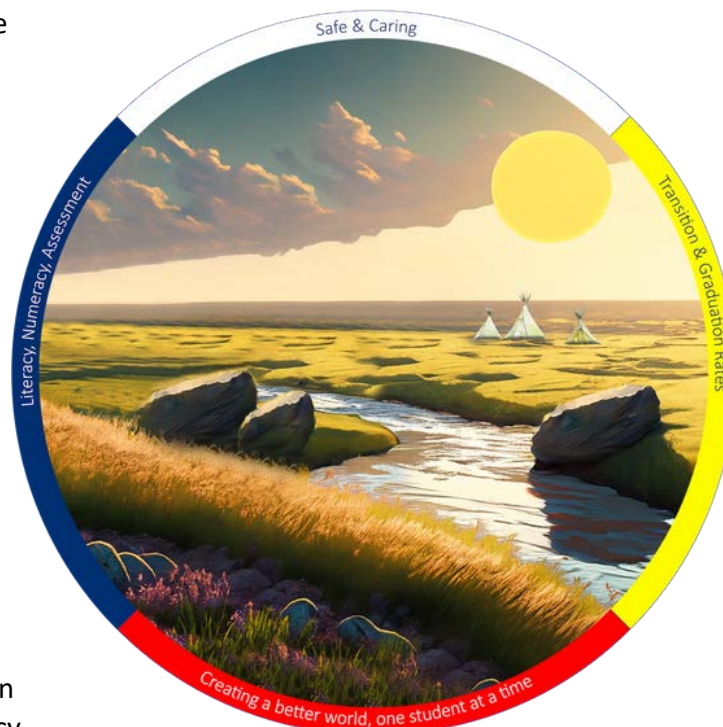
Creating a better world, one student at a time.

## *Values*

Accountability, Community, Diversity, Relationships, and Trust.

## *Goals*

Safe & Caring · Graduation Rates · Literacy & Numeracy



Horizon School Division spans an area of 30,970 square kilometres in east central Saskatchewan, extending to St. Brieux in the north, Foam Lake in the east, Holdfast in the south, and Viscount in the west.

With both prairie landscape and the rolling hills of Saskatchewan's parkland region, Horizon boasts a diverse economy including agriculture, internationally-recognized manufacturing, and a rapidly-growing mining sector.

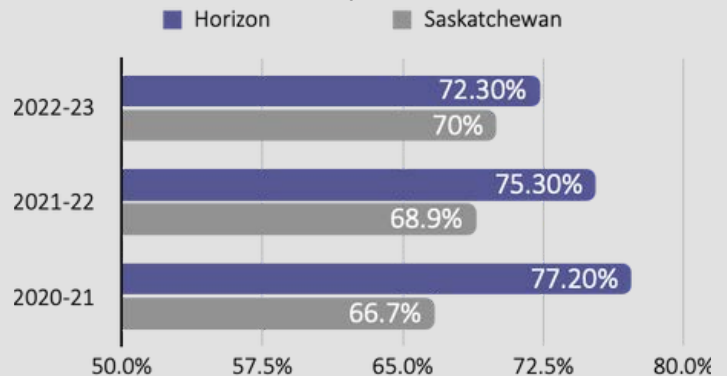
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## Literacy, Numeracy, & Assessment

- The **SaskMATH** Resource, which Horizon played a critical role in developing, continues to guide educators and learners across Saskatchewan.
- Horizon's introduction of the **Math Screener** tool for Grades 2 to 9 sharpens focus on individual learning needs, and empowers teachers to effectively tailor their instruction.
- Educators are actively improving their skills to align assessment and instruction with the latest educational research findings, with support from the Division learning team's targeted professional development.

### Grade 3 Students Reading at or Above Grade Level



Grade 3 reading levels are considered a key indicator of students' future academic success.

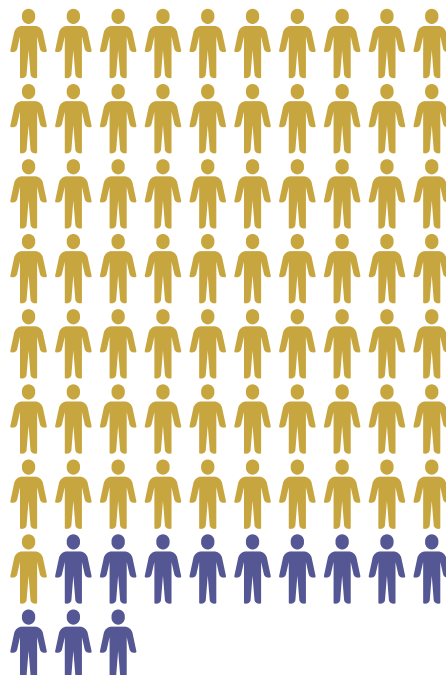


## Did you know?

Of Horizon's 833 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff during the 2022-23 school year, 701 (84 per cent) were educational staff.

Classroom teachers	370
Principals and vice principals	53
Staff who support educational programming	278
Administrative staff	18
Operations and maintenance staff	65
Transportation	43
Director of Education and superintendents	6
<b>Total Full-Time Equivalent Staff</b>	<b>833</b>

### 2022-23 FTE Staff



= 10 FTE educational staff members

= 10 FTE non-educational staff members



## Capital Projects

### Lanigan

#### Major Capital Project

Construction of a new PreK-12 school will replace the existing Lanigan Elementary and Lanigan Central High schools.



### Kelvington

#### Minor Capital Project

Renovations and an addition to Kelvington High will allow Robert Melrose Elementary students to join the school in a K-12 setting.



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## Safe & Caring

The mental health and well-being of students and staff in Horizon is of the highest priority. Supports and training that contribute to our Safe & Caring goal include:

- Our Board of Education has committed to ensuring that all students are CPR/First Aid certified before leaving Grade 12.
- Partnerships with organizations who provide safety workshops on topics including distracted driving, bike, railway, and agriculture safety.
- Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health First Aid First Nations, including one MHFA trained staff in each school.
- The Headstrong Program including Headstrong Summits, Mental Health Symposiums, and Horizons Leadership Conferences.
- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention® training (NVCi).
- safeTALK.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST).
- Calm app access for staff and families.
- Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) and VTRA from an Indigenous Perspective.
- Traumatic Events Response Team support (TERT).
- The Leader in Me program (Covey).
- Partnership with Education Canada and their 'Well at Work' initiative on reviewing the mental health and well-being of staff.
- Increasing staff's cultural responsiveness through Following Their Voices and Leading to Learn initiatives.



## Did you know?

During the 2022-23 school year, there were 46 languages spoken in Horizon families' homes.



## Did you know?

During the 2022-23 school year, Horizon's buses travelled an average of 26,512 km every school day. To put this into perspective, imagine setting off from Humboldt and following the 52nd parallel to the east or west; this daily distance would take you all the way around the earth!

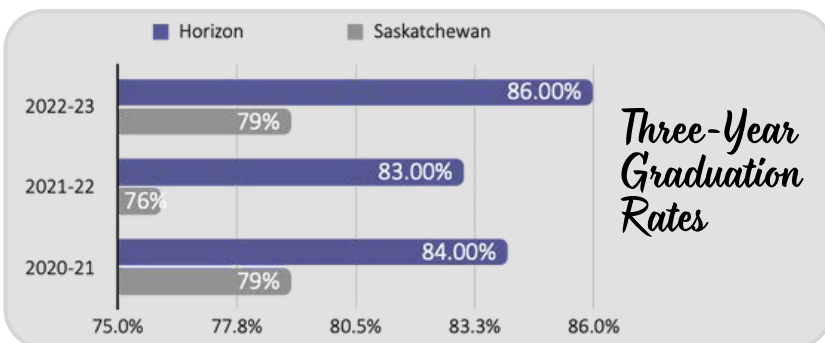


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## Transition & Graduation Rates

To graduate within the typical three-year period after beginning Grade 10, students must earn 24 secondary-level credits by the end of Grade 12. Last school year, Horizon's three-year graduation rates were measured at 83 per cent; an increase of three percentage points from the year before, and nine per cent higher than the provincial average.



Three-Year Graduation Rates



## Early Learning



With continued support from the Board, Horizon offers 20 PreK programs:

- 11 PreK/K programs designated by Horizon
- 7 provincially-funded PreK
- 2 federally-funded PreK.

## HEYFRC



As the accountable partner for the Humboldt Early Years Family Resource Centre (HEYFRC), Horizon has hired a program designer who helps Humboldt and area families access services and resources to support young children's development.

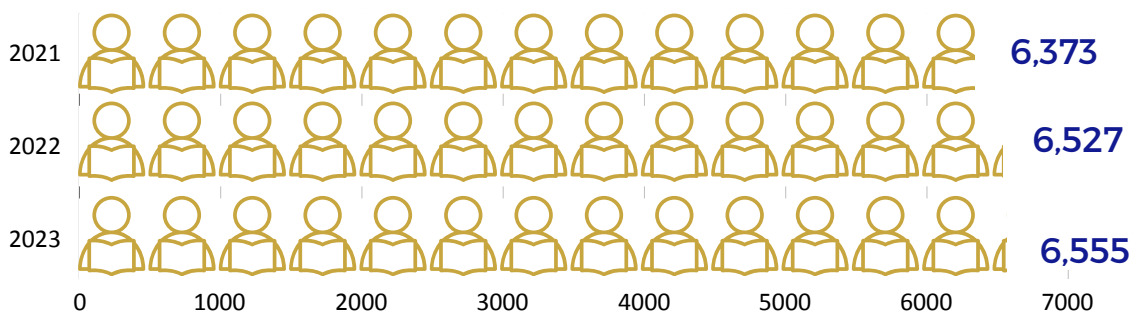
## Agriculture Education

Horizon recognizes the foundational role that agriculture plays, not only in our economy but in shaping the character of our communities. Horizon has partnered with many industry and educational organizations to cultivate an understanding and appreciation of agriculture.

Learn more at [horizonsd.ca/Agriculture/](https://horizonsd.ca/Agriculture/)



## By the numbers



Horizon School Division's student enrolment has increased every year since 2020.



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## School Community Councils

School Community Councils play an important role in Horizon schools. They help parents and community members get involved in the goal to support student achievement and well-being. They do this in a number of ways including:

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PLANS · CLASSROOM LIBRARIES · NUTRITION PROGRAMS · STAFF APPRECIATION · CARNIVALS · LITERACY EVENTS · FAMILY NIGHTS · SCHOLARSHIPS · GRAD CELEBRATIONS · MOVIE NIGHTS · PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT · BARBECUES · EDUCATION WEEK

25

High schools with appointed SCC student representatives

3

Schools with appointed First Nations representatives

8

Professional learning workshops presented to SCCs by the Board's SCC Committee

40

Horizon schools with active SCCs

14

Board of Education Trustees attended School Community Council (SCC) meetings with their subdivision's schools throughout the year



## Indigenous Education

Horizon School Division embraces a path of cultural understanding and respect through Indigenous education initiatives and leadership from our Board Trustees. Along with professional learning and a focus on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, our Board participates in the Saskatchewan School Board Association's Indigenous Liaison Committee which created the Indigenous Education Responsibility Framework – a self-assessment tool designed to help school divisions evaluate, plan and report Indigenous Education activities.

In the classroom:

Resource Kits – Our Indigenous Education team has created resource kits that weave Cree & Saulteaux languages, medicine wheel teachings, and more into the fabric of our daily learning.

Revolutionizing Assessment – After combining Fountas & Pinnell and Eagle Crest assessment tools to reflect our students' identities, we are seeing a leap in engagement and understanding among our Indigenous students.

Events & Professional Development – Blanket Exercises, school powwows, traditional hand games, teepee teachings, outdoor classrooms, Treaty education PD and Residential School presentations empower students and staff to learn and lead with knowledge and empathy.

