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Saskatchewan School Boards Welcome Funding for “Children’s Infrastructure”

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association, representing the province’s 29 public, separate and francophone school boards, enthusiastically welcomed this morning’s announcement by Minister of Education Ken Krawetz of \$142 million in new and accelerated funding for school capital.

“This is great news for K-12 education,” said Association President Roy Challis. “We have been working very hard to advance the ‘Children’s Infrastructure’ agenda and have consistently vocalized the view that some areas are in desperate need of new schools, and that many of the 730 schools in which our children live, learn and grow are in dire need of attention. We are very pleased that the government has listened and shown their commitment to including the needs of Saskatchewan’s young people in their stimulus/infrastructure plans.

“To put the magnitude of this announcement into perspective, over the past seven years \$259.8 million in total has been committed to school capital in our province. The additional \$142 million announced today, along with the \$117 million already announced for education capital for this year, adds up to a \$259 million commitment to school capital in this year alone.”

“We look forward to continuing to work with the provincial government in the service of students, parents and communities,” Challis concluded.

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