Meeting Date: June 8, 2023

**Highlight 1: Delegation – Saskatchewan School Boards Association: President Jamie Smith-Windsor, Indigenous Representative Kimberley Greyeyes, Central Constituency Representative Christine Gradin, Executive Director Darren McKee**

Key Messages:

Representatives from the Saskatchewan School Boards Association met with the NWSD Board of Education and Senior Administration to share an update on provincial advocacy efforts for education funding.

**Highlight 2: Delegation – Carla Beck, Official Leader of the Saskatchewan NDP**

Key Messages:

The NWSD Board of Education had the opportunity to share with Carla Beck, the Official Leader of the Saskatchewan NDP, about the operations of the school division. The Board shared the budget priorities of the school division as well as some of the challenges facing rural school divisions, including declining enrollment.

**Highlight 3: Celebrations**

**I Can Games – June 7, in Turtleford**

The I Can Games are held annually on the first Wednesday of June. This year Turtleford hosted the games for the first time, spearheaded by Kennedy Lundberg and Ashley Devoe. It was the largest event yet, with over 260 athletes registered, nearly double the amount of the previous year. Thanks to the hard work of NWSD Student Services staff, community volunteers and Turtleford school staff and students and the generous donations from sponsors, the athletes were treated to a day of inclusive activities that promoted participation, fun and friendship. There were many first-time participants this year, and we look forward to continuing to grow the I Can Games in future years.

**Métis Land Elders Language Day – June 7 & 8**

In partnership with Métis Nation-Saskatchewan, NWSD hosted a Métis Land Elders Language Day for elementary students at Bear Creek.

On June 7 and 8, students from schools in Meadow Lake went to Bear Creek to learn from Michif Language Keepers, Elders and Knowledge Keepers and participated in a variety of cultural and land-based activities.

**SHSAA Track and Field Provincials – June 2 & 3**

NWSD was well represented at the SHSAA Track and Field Provincial Championships. Students from across the division represented the North West. Three NWSD athletes won medals at the event: Kaelyn Larre from St. Walburg won Bronze in Senior Javelin and Silver in Senior Discus; Kate Fink from Paradise Hill won Silver in Intermediate Hurdles; and Peyton Gabruck from Turtleford won Gold in Senior Javelin.

**Pride Day and Flag Raising Celebration – June 1**

June 1 was the third annual NWSD Pride Day. In partnership with the Meadow Lake Pride Committee, TPEC hosted a community flag raising celebration. More than 80 staff, students and community members gathered to raise the flag and celebrate gender and sexually diverse people and allies in the community. There were a variety of pride activities at schools around the division to show support for 2SLGBTQIA+ folks.

**Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration – June 21**

Northwest School Division, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan and Flying Dust First nation are partnering for two concert events on June 21 to mark Indigenous Peoples Day. Students from the Meadow Lake area will be attending one of the events, located at Lions Park in Meadow Lake and the Flying Dust main stage. Both events will feature musical performances, including Métis fiddling, jiggers, Pow Wow dancers and other performers. The performances kick off at 1:00 pm at both locations.

Next meeting date: August 17, 2023