



Sun West School Division/MySchoolSask Communication Bulletin #2

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Welcome to a new year and to our second Communication Bulletin!

We are excited to announce that this week we submitted a plan for implementing the MySchoolSask information system in our division. This plan was created by our division advisory team after participating in a series of online meetings every week from November 15 – December 20th that explored a different aspect required for the plan. Once the Ministry has time to review our plan, we will meet to review and finalize our Sun West training process and schedule. We will be using a train the trainer model with our MySchoolSask Advisory Committee being trained as trainers and then setting up a division training session where we train all the teacher/admin and secretary school leads.

January and February will be spent with the Aspen company working to transfer data from our current PowerSchool system to the new MySchoolSask platform. Much time will be spent at the division office level working to ensure this transfer is accurate and successful. Sondra Potratz has agreed to serve as our data tester and both she and our division committee, (Linda Klassen, James Lowe, Shari Martin and Vanessa Lewis), will be participating in several training sessions aimed at data validation in January and February.

According to the Ministry draft calendar, Train the trainer sessions will occur mid March and early April for our Division advisory team. We will then conduct our division workshops for school leads in late April/early May when the dates have been finalized with the Ministry. Thanks to administrators for submitting these names and to those who are willing to help serve as leads and inservice their school staffs. We will communicate the dates for training once they have been confirmed by the Ministry.

We were happy to see many people joined the resource bank MySchoolSask group. Right now it is the most popular group in our resource bank! If you haven't already done so, please join the group and make time to preview the MySchoolSask student information system, the Awareness Workshop Videos are available on ROVER https://rover.edonline.sk.ca/en/rover/videos?series_id_eq=240 in a series of 19 videos organized by topic.

We have been learning about change theory in our online MySchoolSask meetings and we appreciate those who are viewing this initiative positively and recognize that change is inevitable. We look forward to learning more about the program and to working with schools on this project.