

Mosaic® EXTREME SCHOOL MAKEOVER CHALLENGE

MEDIA RELEASE

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Recipient Schools Announced for 2020 Mosaic Challenge

REGINA – Ten schools in Saskatchewan will each receive a \$10,000 grant to support student nutrition after being selected to win this year’s Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge.

“The success of this program grows year over year, thanks in large part to the commitment from educators in our province,” said Sarah Fedorchuk, The Mosaic Company’s Vice President, Public Affairs & Government Relations, North America. “Now, in its 14th year, Mosaic remains committed to funding the Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge to ensure 10 more schools can provide healthier school environments for their students.”

The grants will support winning projects that have goals including building or renovating kitchen, garden and other indoor and outdoor facilities; enhancing, through courses, clubs and other efforts, the learning opportunities available for students, families and communities about topics including nutrition, cooking, Indigenous traditional knowledge and environmental sustainability; promoting reconciliation and celebrating cultures; and, implementing or increasing breakfast, lunch and other programs.

Schools from across the province submitted their projects to compete for the total of \$100,000 in prizes, provided by Mosaic. Schools receiving grants this year are part of the Good Spirit, Greater Saskatoon Catholic, Horizon, North East, Prairie South, Regina Catholic, Saskatchewan Rivers, Saskatoon Public and South East Cornerstone school divisions and the Muskoday First Nation.

To encourage grassroots initiatives to help improve student nutrition, the Mosaic Challenge began in 2006. Mosaic and the SSBA have continued to partner for the initiative since then.

“Mosaic has been a very generous partner in support of improved nutrition environments for the students of our province and we are pleased to continue this program during these unprecedented times,” said Dr. Shawn Davidson, president of the SSBA. “Saskatchewan’s 27 school boards are thankful for Mosaic’s ongoing commitment.”

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For a list of the winners, see the backgrounder accompanying this media release.

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BACKGROUNDER

2020 Mosaic Extreme School Makeover Challenge Winners

<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS</i>
Avonlea School (Avonlea) Prairie South School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redesign existing food lab • Implement Food Studies course • Develop gardening and lunch programs
Big River Public High School (Big River) Saskatchewan Rivers School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement universal breakfast program • Empower students to run programs • Buy healthy food for vending machine
Central Park Elementary School (Nipawin) North East School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate existing servery • Celebrate First Nation and Métis cultures • Purchase commercial dishwasher
Kamsack Comprehensive Institute (Kamsack) Good Spirit School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and support outdoor education • Include teachings of Saulteaux Elders • Engage parents in activities / workshops
Mount Royal Collegiate (Saskatoon) Saskatoon Public School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance universal breakfast program • Use data to promote sustainability • Increase environmental sustainability
Muskoday Community School (Muskoday) Muskoday First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement reconciliation project • Develop community garden • Teach traditional food practices
Oxbow Prairie Horizons School (Oxbow) South East Cornerstone School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase frequency of breakfast program • Implement afterschool cooking classes • Host nutrition education workshops
St. Luke Alternative School (Regina) Regina Catholic School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase frequency of lunch program • Provide access to fresh produce daily • Focus on Indigenous cultures
St. Mary's Wellness & Education Centre (Saskatoon) St. Paul's Catholic School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote reconciliation and cultures • Expand outdoor education • Implement cooking classes
Watson School (Watson) Horizon School Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renovate existing kitchen • Implement Food Studies course • Develop cooking club