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## **Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth to Investigate Child Death at Saskatoon Public School**

SASKATOON — The Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth Corey O'Soup will be investigating the death of a boy who died while attending a Saskatoon public school.

"I want to extend my sincerest and deepest sympathies to the family of the young boy who died tragically at École Dundonald School. Our thoughts are with the family and all those affected," says O'Soup.

"It is important that parents and children continue to have comfort in knowing that our schools are a place for children and youth to learn and grow. As the Advocate for the children of this province, it is critical to ensure that we know what happened in this case," says O'Soup.

The legislated mandate of the Advocate's office is to ensure that children are safe, secure, and protected in this province. An independent investigation into this case will seek to uncover what led to this death and lead to recommendations to prevent this from happening again. "It will be important to examine the context regarding the services provided to this child. Our investigation will also examine and inform any gaps in policies, procedures and practice," said O'Soup.

The school division requested the Advocate's office to conduct an investigation into this case. It acknowledges the experience of the Advocate's office in investigating critical injuries and deaths of children and has offered full cooperation in this matter.

The Advocate for Children and Youth is an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. He leads a team of professionals who work on behalf of the province's young people. Our vision is that the rights, well-being, and voice of children and youth are respected and valued in our communities and in government legislation, policy, programs and practice.

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