



Media Statement
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Advocate Provides Update on Investigation into Registered Independent Schools

SASKATOON – The Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth, Dr. Lisa Broda, provides the following update about her investigation into registered independent schools.

In her August 2022 statement, the Advocate announced that her office would be conducting a full and independent investigation into the services and oversight of registered independent schools.

“This review is multi-faceted and complex, and our resources have been focused on this and other critical matters pertaining to services to children over this past year,” stated Broda.

“In any matter that comes to the attention of the Advocate, it is within our legislated purview to review issues in a non-partisan, independent, and neutral manner in accordance with *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*. As such, our mandate is to ensure services provided to children, whether in schools or in any other child-serving system in the province, are aligned with relevant legislation, regulations, policy, and children’s rights,” said Broda.

In the matter of this investigation, the Advocate notes that the Ministry of Education has made important changes to oversight mechanisms for these schools.

“We have monitored and taken into consideration these developments as we continue to conduct and finalize this investigation. This update on the status of our investigation is warranted as this has been a matter of public interest,” said Broda.

“Prior to sharing conclusions and recommendations with the public, we will offer the Ministry of Education an opportunity to provide feedback in accordance with *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*,” stated Broda. The Advocate will release a comprehensive public report about the investigation findings in Fall 2023.

The Advocate for Children and Youth is an Officer of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. The Advocate leads a team of professionals who work on behalf of the province’s young people independent and apart from government. The office’s vision is that the rights, well-being, and voices of children and youth are respected, valued, and supported to assist young people to reach their full potential.

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