

Ministry of Education K-12 Education Governance Backgrounder

In November 2016, Deputy Premier and Education Minister Don Morgan appointed Dan Perrins to lead work on a Kindergarten to Grade 12 educational governance review. His mandate was to present governance options that would focus on student success while ensuring accountability and efficient operational structures within the education system. The Perrins Report can be found at: <http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/96975-Perrins-Governance-Review-Report.pdf>.

Following the release of the Perrins report, Minister Morgan appointed a six-person Advisory Panel which was tasked with leading consultations with the education sector and the public on the governance options presented in the report. In January 2017, the Panel met with more than 45 stakeholder groups and received more than 3,800 online submissions from Saskatchewan residents.

The Government accepted the findings found in the Advisory Panel's report, which can be found at: <http://publications.gov.sk.ca/documents/11/98002-Education%20Governance%20Report-Main.pdf>.

Key findings of the Advisory Panel's report include:

- Boards of education will continue to be elected;
- No major school division boundary changes;
- School community councils will continue to be a key voice in local education governance;
- Making amendments to *The Education Act* to clarify roles within the sector and create efficiencies;
- Creating a shared services initiative to capture increased efficiencies through bulk purchasing, transportation partnerships, and a consistent compensation framework for school divisions; and,
- Improving engagement with First Nations and Métis residents.