

Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre Board Meeting Minutes

**August 24, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
In-Person, Regina**

Attendees: The Honourable Minister Everett Hindley, Darren Gasper (Sask DLC Chief Executive Officer), Michelle Miller (Sask DLC Vice President of Corporate Services), Stephanie Ali (Sask DLC Executive Director of Communications)

Other attendees: N/A

Meeting called to order at: 1:03 p.m.

1) Information Item - 2025-26 School Year Updates

Enrolment Update

- a. Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) continued to see strong demand in 2025-26, building on the significant growth achieved in 2024-25, as more students and families chose to study online either full or part-time.
- b. In the 2025-26 school year, Sask DLC provided online education to over 14,000 students taking approximately 44,000 online courses, a four per cent increase in enrolment (623 students) over 2024-25 and consistent with 2024-25 course registration levels.
 - Sask DLC saw continued growth in enrolment, particularly in young adult and adult student groups.
- c. Looking ahead to the 2026-27 school year, as of August 20, more than 9,600 students are already registered in approximately 14,000 online courses, with registrations continuing to come in.
- d. In the 2025-26 school year, Sask DLC provided online education to 14,000 (14,004) students. Including:
 - 2,500 (2,520) full-time online Kindergarten to Grade 12 students
 - 1,300 (1,288) Kindergarten to Grade 9
 - 1,200 (1,232) Grade 10-12 students
 - 9,100 (9,150) part-time online Grade 10-12 students taking one or more courses online
 - 1,800 (1,776) young adults (18-21 year-olds)
 - 600 (558) adults (over the age of 22)
- e. In the 2025-26 school year, students took approximately 44,000 (43,995) online courses, including:

- 10,300 (10,304) courses for Kindergarten to Grade 9 students (eight courses per grade)
 - 7,700 (7,674) taken by full-time Grade 10-12 online students
 - 18,000 (18,062) taken by part-time Grade 10 -12 students
 - 6,800 (6,757) taken by young adults (18-21 year-olds)
 - 1,200 (1,198) courses taken by adults over the age of 22 (not including correctional clients)
- f. In addition, Sask DLC provided education to 106 correction clients completing 499 high school courses through an agreement with the ministries of Immigration and Career Training and Community Safety. These students are not connected to courses taken by non-corrections-based students.
- g. Sask DLC continued to partner with Northlands College to provide adults living in Northern Saskatchewan with access to free Grade 10-12 courses. Northlands College contributed \$25,000 in funding to cover course fees for students over the age of 22 in the Northern Saskatchewan Administrative District. Through this partnership, 38 adult learners enrolled in 101 courses during the 2025-26 school year.
- h. Sask DLC also provided 700 (717) Summer School students with approximately 800 (769) online courses in July and August.
- i. In 2025-26, Sask DLC had more than 390 full-time online Grade 12 graduates. Sask DLC also supported hundreds of part-time students reach graduation in their local school, through access to online courses that support their graduation plan.

Course Completion Rates Update

- j. In the 2025-26 school year, Sask DLC maintained or exceeded course completion rates in comparison to the 2024-25 school year for most student groups, including:
- 84 per cent for part-time online Grade 10-12 students, up from 81 per cent in 2024-25
 - 88 per cent for students taking synchronous live courses
 - 79 per cent for students taking asynchronous courses
 - 70 per cent for full-time online Grade 10-12 students, down from 75 per cent in 2024-25
 - 78 per cent for students taking synchronous live courses
 - 61 per cent for students taking asynchronous courses
 - 56 per cent for young adults (18-21 years olds), up from 46 per cent in 2024-25
 - 48 per cent for adult learners (over the age of 22), down from 72 per cent in 2024-25.

Credit Attainment Update

- k. In the 2025-26 school year, Sask DLC exceeded credit attainment rates for all student groups in comparison to the 2024-25 school year.
- 98 per cent for part-time online Grade 10-12 students, up from 96 per cent in 2024-25
 - 99 per cent for students taking synchronous live courses
 - 97 per cent for students taking asynchronous courses
 - 98 per cent for full-time online Grade 10-12 students, up from 93 per cent in 2024-25
 - 97 per cent for students taking synchronous live courses
 - 98 per cent for students taking asynchronous courses
 - 97 per cent for young adults (18-21 years olds), up from 90 per cent in 2024-25
 - 99 per cent for adult learners (over the age of 22), up from 91 per cent in 2024-25.

FTE Updates

- l. As of June 30, 2026, Sask DLC has more than 400 employees (355 FTEs) based in 12 Campus locations across the province. This includes nearly 200 teachers who are STF members.
- Sask DLC has approximately 150 Online Learning Facilitators (OLFs) based in more than 190 local public high schools across the province. OLFs provide in-person support to students in their online learning and are in regular communication with the student/family, local school and Sask DLC teachers. OLFs also typically handle site safety and workplace supervision for online courses that include work placements.

2) Discussion Item - K- Career Strategy

- Sask DLC has developed a K-Career graphic that will support communication of Sask DLC's K-Career strategy with the students/families, internal staff, stakeholder partners and the public.
- The graphic outlines the 10 pathway areas and will support students and families having a clear understanding of the online courses available to support their future career options.



3) Information Item - IMII Update

- Sask DLC continues to work with the International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMII) on a proposal to support introducing students to the variety of careers available in and supporting Saskatchewan's mining industry.
- To date, we have heard positive feedback on the proposal and look forward to continuing work to formalize an agreement and plan into this next school year.
- This aligns with Sask DLC's K-Career strategy under the Energy and Mines pathway and fully builds out the pathway to include the mining industry, for our existing oil and gas and energy production sectors.

This proposal would also support expanding our course offerings in the Building Trades and Transport and Fabrication and Manufacturing pathways, by expanding trades offerings available to high school students.

4) Information Item- Health Update

- Since launching our new Health Careers 20L course in the spring, it is one of our most requested courses, with nearly 200 students registered so far.

- Work is continuing to build out the student experience options available to students in the course.
- Work is also continuing with the Ministry of Health and other partners to build upon this success and further create opportunities for students to explore health careers, including developing more 30-level courses, partnering with local school divisions to offer these courses in-person and developing resource kits to support health-related STEM kits for teachers and students, particularly in grades 7-9.
- Work on further building out the Health Sciences pathway to support students will continue into the new school year.