

**S** Saskatoon  
**P** Public  
**S** Schools  
**F** Foundation

**Mission**

Mobilizing resources to enhance learning and celebrate public education.

**Vision**

Enhanced learning for all Saskatoon Public Schools students.

**Values**

Innovation, Collaboration, Inclusion

Incorporated April 15, 2008

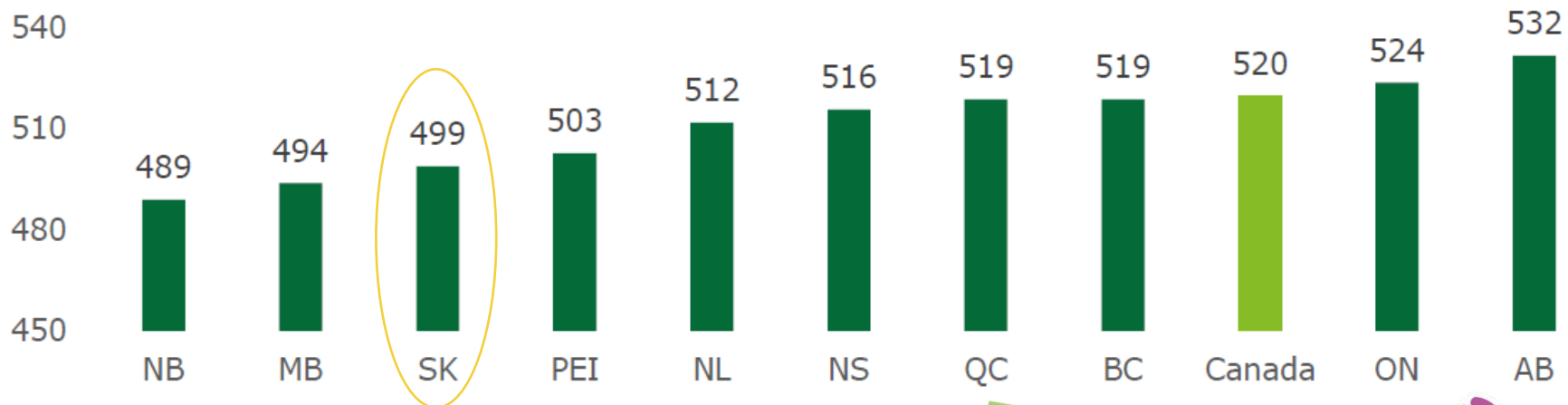


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**Figure 10: Youth Reading Performance by Province, 2018**  
(15-year-olds, PISA scores)



Source: OECD. (2019). PISA 2018 Result. <http://www.oecd.org/pisa/>



"A strong link exists between grade three literacy levels and overall graduation rates. If we can provide support for students in the early grades, we can help them to develop positive attitudes towards reading, creating a strong foundation for their futures. The smiles and feelings of success shine through as each child begins to believe that they truly are readers."

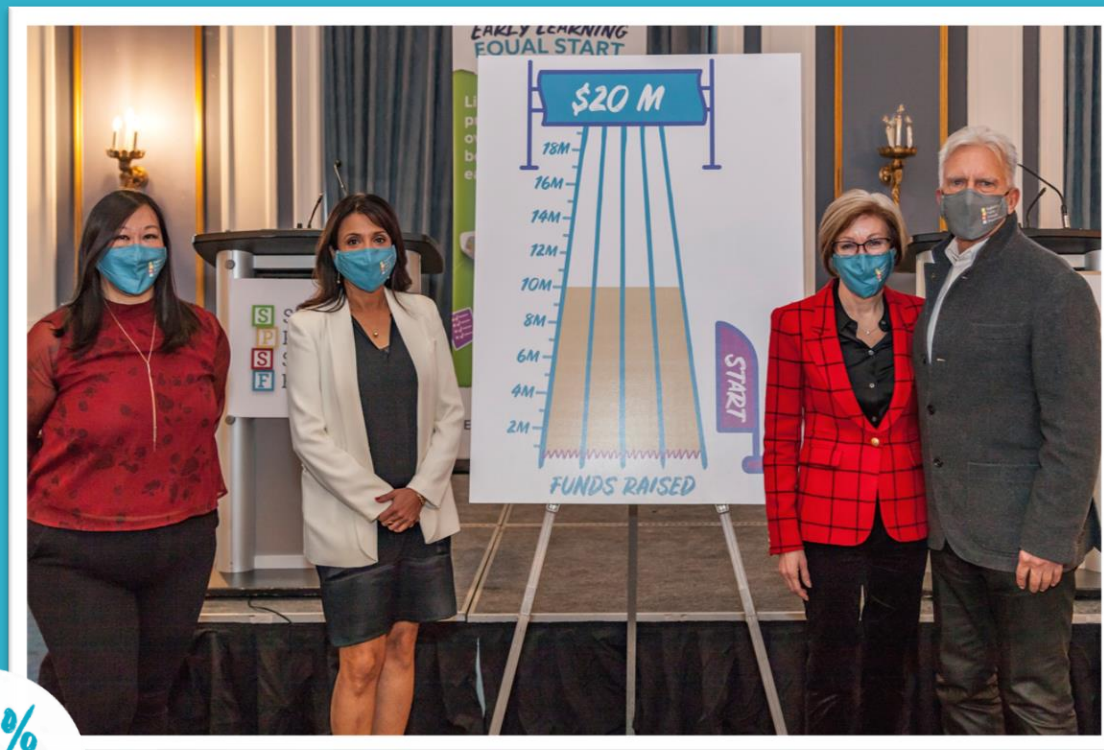
Debra Heinrichs, Literacy Tutor Co-ordinator,  
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## Data Comparing Grade 3 Reading Success within Saskatoon Public Schools

- Percentage of students in **CEAP Schools not achieving Grade 3 Level** has increased from **40.2 %** to **50.3 %**
- Percentage of students in **other schools not achieving Grade 3 Level** has increased from **19 %** to **28.9%**

Year	Schools	Grade 3 Reading Level	Grade 3 Reading Level
		Not Achieved	Achieved
2014 – 15	CEAP	40.2 %	59.8 %
2014 – 15	Other	18.9 %	81.8 %
2015 – 16	CEAP	35.4 %	64.6 %
2015 – 16	Other	22.3 %	77.7 %
2016 – 17	CEAP	42.5 %	57.5 %
2016 – 17	Other	23.5 %	76.5 %
2017 – 18	CEAP	41.6 %	58.4 %
2017 – 18	Other	28.0 %	72.0 %
2018 – 19	CEAP	50.3 %	49.7 %
2018 – 19	Other	28.9 %	71.1 %

# EARLY LEARNING EQUAL START



100%  
GRADE 3  
LEVEL  
LITERACY

2021-2023

## Campaign Learning Priorities

4 KEY  
INITIATIVES

Four key initiatives have been selected to pilot an integrated approach to early learning.

15  
SCHOOLS

We will focus on 15 schools to help students achieve grade level literacy by Grade 3.

BY  
2026

Our goal is to become a leader in early literacy programming by 2026, giving students the opportunity to succeed.



Three Key initiatives have been selected to pilot an integrated approach to early learning.

### Full-Day Kindergarten

- 29 Programs
- 25 Schools
- >750 students



### Page Turners

- 60 Programs
- 43 Schools
- 600 students

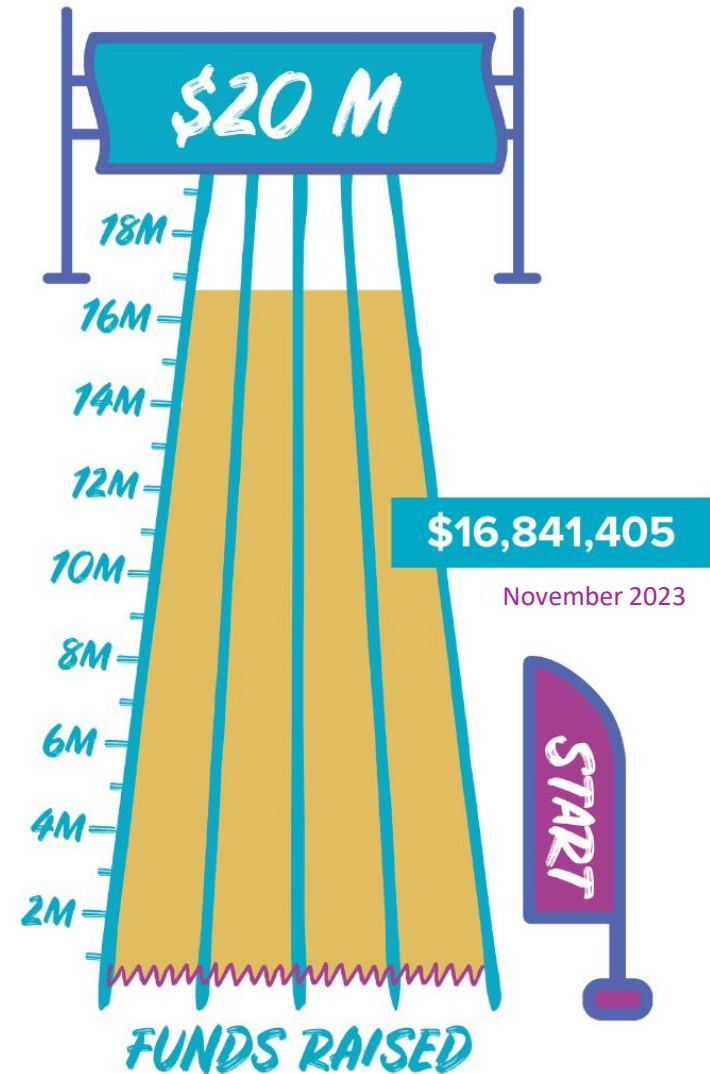


### Camp Brain Power

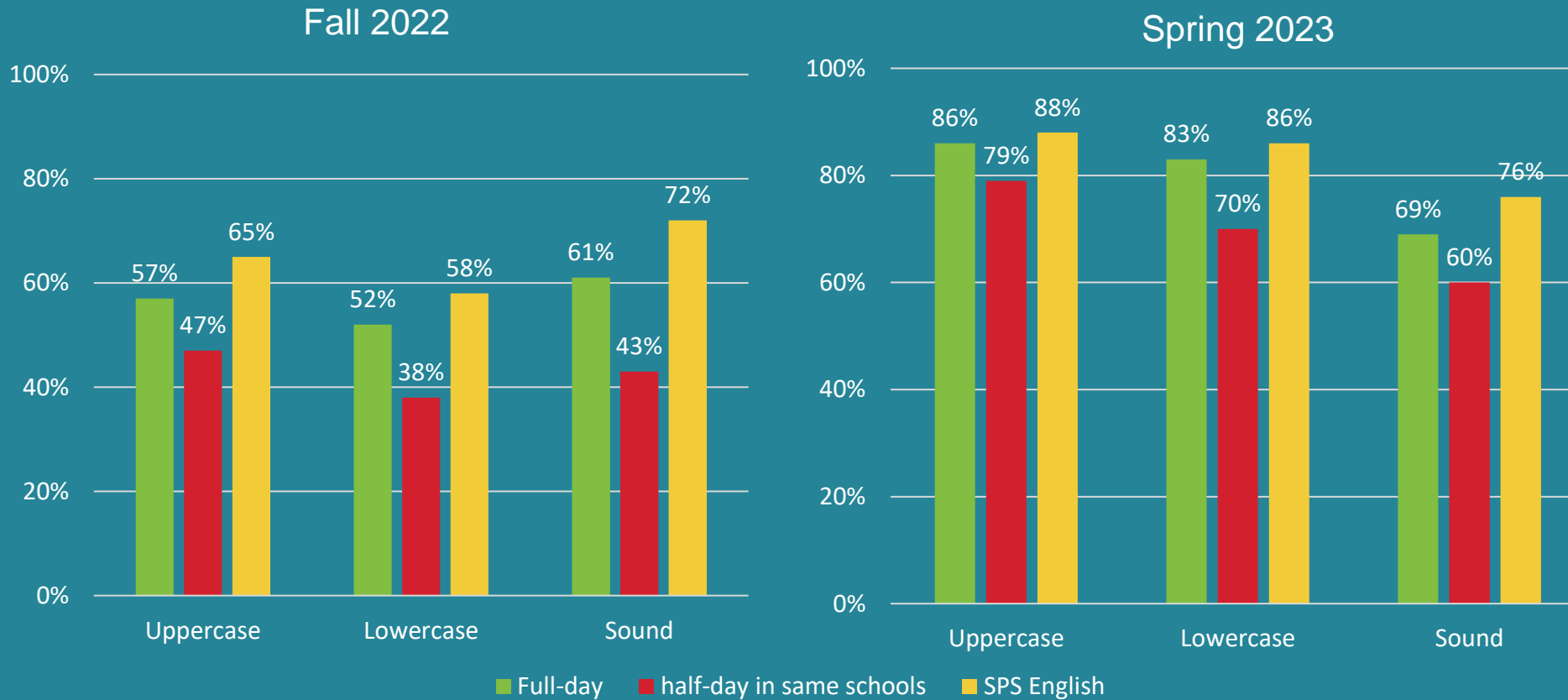
- 18 Camps
- 45 Schools
- 468 students



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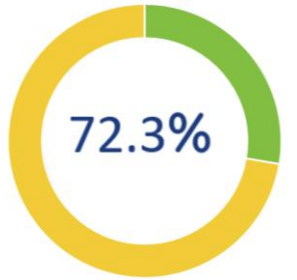


# Kindergarten Data

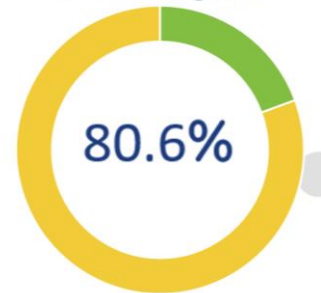


## Attendance

### Half-Time Programs



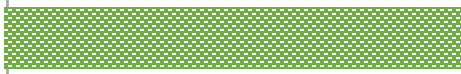







### Full-Time Programs



Conclusion: Full-Day Kindergarten students achieve significantly better results than their Half-Day counterparts and therefore, are better equipped for Grade 1.

Once informed with Saskatchewan literacy facts and full day every day kindergarten benefits, support for publicly-funded programming in the province further increases to more than eight in ten residents. Support is high across all regions and age groups.

### Support and Opposition for Full Day Every Day Kindergarten (After being informed)

		Region				Age			Before Informing
		North	Regina	Saskatoon	South	18 – 34	35 – 54	55+	
Support NET	 82%	77%▼	83%	88%▲	81%	89%▲	81%	78%▼	68%
Strongly support	 58%	56%	55%	66%	55%	62%	59%	54%	40%
Somewhat support	 24%	21%	28%	22%	26%	26%	23%	24%	28%
Oppose NET	 11%	12%	11%	8%	11%	6%▼	10%	14%▲	19%
Somewhat oppose	 7%	7%	9%	5%	6%	5%	6%	8%	12%
Strongly oppose	 4%	5%	2%	4%	5%	1%▼	4%	6%▲	8%
No opinion	 3%	5%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%
Not sure	 4%	6%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	4%	9%

q14: Considering the information presented in this survey, would you support or oppose the re-introduction of publicly-funded full every day kindergarten in Saskatchewan? Base: All respondents, n=800.

# Meetings & Advocacy

**U of T Symposium –  
Putting the Public into  
Early Learning and Child Care**

December 1

**Presentation –  
SaskParty Saskatoon and area Caucus**

December 11

**Meeting with Minister and  
Deputy Minister of Education, Regina  
(Kindergarten)**

December 5

**Meeting with SK Senators, Ottawa  
(Pre-Kindergarten)**

February 1, 2024

Completed Meetings

October 17

**Presentation - SunWest School Division**

November 1

**Presentation – Living Sky School Division**