



PUBLIC EDUCATION ADVOCACY AWARD

Colleen MacPherson

This award recognizes dedicated, long-standing service, as well as major contributions to benefit publicly funded public education.

Nominated by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF)



Colleen MacPherson is an award-winning freelance writer and editor. As an elected School Board Trustee since 2009, she advocates for a stronger commitment from the government to appropriately fund education in Saskatchewan.

As Board Chair for the Saskatoon Public School Division since 2019, she has been providing leadership through the challenges of a pandemic, drastic enrolment increases, severe inflationary pressures, and lack of government support. As a Trustee, Colleen has served four terms as Vice-Chair and sat on the Governance Committee, the Pension Trustee Committee, and the Human Resources Committee. She is also Chair of the Public Section of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association.

Using her platform to effect change, Colleen has written op-eds that help the public to understand the dire situation public schools are facing and the importance of investing in public education. “Do we want education funding to be limited to a collective agreement and little more, or do we want to commit to education as the “single best investment” we can make for everyone?” Colleen argues (*Saskatoon Star Phoenix*, May 29, 2022).

Colleen’s advocacy has stayed true to the message that chronic underfunding lies at the root of education’s woes and has been a supportive voice for teachers throughout.