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Chinook Board of Education Receives Premier's Award

On [Tuesday, November 12](#), the Chinook Board of Education received the annual Premier's Board of Education Award for Innovation and Excellence at the Saskatchewan School Boards Association's Fall General Assembly.

The Honourable Don Morgan, Minister of Education, presented the award on behalf of Premier Brad Wall to Chinook Board Chair Randy Beler for the division's "Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) Program".

"The board feels that the LLI Program at Chinook truly exemplifies the innovative nature of the award. Our teachers use research-based reading improvement strategies that greatly improve learning at the classroom and individual student level, and we have seen the positive impact LLI has had on both teachers and students," said Chinook Board of Education Chair Randy Beler. "We are very proud of the results and have seen incredible success. In the first four years, 291 students who were struggling with reading before entering the program were at or above grade level upon completion."

The \$3,000 award is sponsored by Xerox Canada and the award recipient is recommended by a panel that includes representation from the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina, the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan, the Ministry of Education, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, and the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents. This year there were eight submissions.

"The Premier's Award is a great way to shine a spotlight on the great work being done by boards of education throughout Saskatchewan to support student achievement," said SSBA President Janet Foord. "Although there is only one recipient of the award, each submission is worthy of recognition. Boards of education and their staffs develop partnerships, engage in innovative educational pursuits and other are involved in a number of other initiatives that advance the goal we all work to achieve, which is improved outcomes for students in Saskatchewan."

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