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2014 Joint Conference

LEADS ✦ SSBA ✦ SASBO

Making waves

NAVIGATING OUR FUTURE ...
... SHARING THE VISION

*Our Joint Conference Mission ...
Provide leadership and focus on shared priorities in
a team environment supporting student success.*

Dr. C.J. Huff: Opening Keynote

After one of the most devastating tornadoes on record destroyed a third of Joplin, Missouri, Dr. C.J. Huff, Superintendent of Schools, led his community in an amazing effort to rebuild - transforming this disastrous tragedy into the town's finest hour. Huff's demonstrated leadership helped Joplin schools and the community literally emerge from the rubble. In his speeches, Huff shares how teamwork, leadership and a focus on the future can help overcome any challenge. His presentation is filled with moving anecdotes of the personal triumphs to

which he bore witness and inspires audiences to realize the power of a team working in partnership - no matter what obstacles confront them.

Dr. C.J. Huff currently serves as the Superintendent of Joplin Schools, a position he has held since July 2008. His wide range of experiences as a classroom teacher, building principal, superintendent and a family farmer prepared him to lead his district of 1,100 employees and 7,700 students through the recovery effort.



**People magazine 2011 Heroes
Among Us Award Recipient**

"We will start school on time."





President Janet Foord: Saskatchewan School Boards Association

SSBA VISION 2025: "By 2025, Saskatchewan has a globally recognized education system that others wish to emulate."

The Joint Conference Committee has created an exciting lineup that will appeal to all of our members.

achievement and eliminating the gaps that currently exist we can achieve great things in education.

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association is very excited about the upcoming 2014 Joint Conference.

When we first entered into discussions with SASBO and LEADS about the potential of such a joint conference it seemed like an impossible feat but here we are - two years later and planning is well underway.

The concept of a joint conference between SASBO, LEADS and the SSBA makes a lot of sense. A special relationship exists among our organizations and a common thread binds us all together - the students of Saskatchewan. With a spirit of shared leadership and a common focus on improving student

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Given an opportunity to meet and network in the joint conference learning environment, our shared interests will prove to be a springboard for strengthened relationships and understandings of how we can work towards strengthening our team.

Together we are stronger.

**TOOLS FOR SUCCESS:
Build Trust**



Trust is the foundation that builds teams.

Teams work together to produce the achievement outcomes desired and deserved by students, families and communities.

Join us as we learn together how we all contribute to student success.



Authentic Engagement: What do Students Think?

The conference theme is "Navigating our Future...Sharing the Vision" with discussions centered around partnership and engagement in Saskatchewan's education system. Engagement of youth is an important aspect of this. A youth panel is being convened to address attendees on their experiences, hopes and vision for education in the province.

Hugely important in convening a panel of 10-12 youth representatives is that it consist of a representative sample of youth in Saskatchewan (e.g. urban, rural, northern, male, female, newcomer, First Nation, Métis, etc). Youth have already been chosen to take part in this panel and the engagement process has begun as they are currently in the designing and planning stages. This session will truly be by the youth as they engage us in conversations that they feel are the most timely and relevant in education today and going forward.

Achievement can look very different for every student. Plan to join in this authentic engagement opportunity as we hear first-hand the positive and negative experiences that are shaping our youth.



LET'S GROW TOGETHER!

Registration for the conference will open after May 4th.

As information becomes available, it will be posted to the Joint Committee websites at:

<http://sasbo.com>

<http://saskleads.ca>

<http://www.saskschoolboards.ca>