

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS: THE FACTS

PROVINCE WIDE:

- Since 2007, **79%** of school divisions have reduced their number of education assistants (EAs)
- Since 2007, **350 full-time EAs** have been eliminated from the education system
- Between 2000 – 2008 the number of students requiring the support of EAs has more than **doubled**... that number continues to rise
- From 2007 - 2009 there were an **additional 466 students** that require intensive supports

TOP 5 REDUCTIONS:

| CUTS IN 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR | | TOTAL CUTS SINCE 2007 | | INCREASE IN INTENSIVE NEEDS STUDENTS | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| School Division (S.D.) | # of EAs cut | School Division (S.D.) | # of EAs cut | School Division (S.D.) | # of students |
| Prairie Spirit S.D. | 63 | Regina Public S. D. | 61 | Saskatoon Public S.D. | 164 |
| North West S.D. | 31 | Lloydminster S. D. | 57 | South East Cornerstone S.D. | 144 |
| Regina Public S.D. | 27 | Prairie Spirit S.D. | 47 | Saint Paul's R.C.S.S.D. | 117 |
| South East Cornerstone S.D. | 21 | Chinook S.D. | 43 | Saskatchewan Rivers S.D. | 60 |
| Prairie Valley S.D. | 20 | Saskatoon Public S.D. | 34 | Prairie Spirit S.D. | 51 |

** all figures were obtained from publications released by the Ministry of Education **all figures shown refer to full-time equivalent ***all figures are total positions reduced*

SCHOOL DIVISIONS THAT INCREASED EAS THIS YEAR:

| School Division (S.D.) | # of EAs added |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Saskatoon Public S.D. | 31 |
| Living Sky S.D. | 9 |
| Sun West S.D. | 8 |
| Saskatchewan Rivers S.D. | 6 |
| Horizon S.D. | 6 |

All Saskatchewan students have the right to learn in a supportive and stress-free environment that ensures they have the best possible chance to succeed in school.

EAs provide support to students with intensive needs, including learning disabilities and behaviour concerns.

The Ministry of Education is responsible for ensuring appropriate funding for Education Assistants to maintain a positive learning environment for all Saskatchewan students.