



Regina Catholic Schools

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Pearson Saskatchewan Portal

To whom it may concern:

The Regina Catholic School Division is most pleased to be moving forward and launching the Pearson Saskatchewan Portal in September 2013. Our Grades 3-9 students and teachers will have full access to the content on the portal. We feel that the addition of the portal will enhance the teaching and learning experience in our Division for a variety of reasons:

- Our school division has introduced technology initiatives in the last year that we feel greatly align with the e-text solution. We have placed a data projector in nearly every instructional space, and added over 300 Mimio interactive devices to classrooms, with more to come. In addition, we will have Bring Your Own Technology up and running in all our schools by September 2013, as well the addition of new tablet devices in our schools. We feel that all these technology solutions greatly align with the introduction of e-texts.
- The introduction of the new Grade 4,5, 6 & 7 Social Studies resource: we are excited to add this electronic text as a foundational resource, completely aligned with the Saskatchewan curriculum. Our teachers are pleased to have a text that is created around curricular outcomes, and as it is brand new, we have decided to pilot a year of exclusive digital access.
- We have already made significant purchases of the Pearson print resources for Grades 3-8 Math and Science. We are excited to add the portal access as a supplement to the existing resources, and to enhance the access to the text for teachers and students while off-site.
- Our “blended” approach between digital and print resources will be carefully monitored, with the assistance of our colleagues at Pearson, to determine the most beneficial model for the future. Data and feedback will be collected to assist us in future decisions regarding resource allocation and purchases.

The Pearson representatives have been an outstanding educational partner in the past and throughout this venture into the Saskatchewan Portal. We recognize that the initiative is new to our province but feel very confident that our business relationship will provide a strong working environment as we address the successes and challenges we will meet.

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