

Athabasca School Facts

- 🍏 This year's enrolment was 142. *(Regina Board of Education [RBE] Enrolment Statistics)*
- 🍏 The area's school-aged population is expected to increase 26 per cent in the next three years. *(RBE Facility Review)*
- 🍏 Community members expressed a clear preference for keeping the school open. *(Eyewitness accounts: public records of consultation meetings and community feedback have not been made available to the public.)*
- 🍏 The building is structurally sound. *(RBE Facility Audit)*

ATTEND your trustees' Annual General Meeting on May 10, 7 p.m. at 1600 4th Ave. **ASK THEM WHY THEY'RE CLOSING ATHABASCA SCHOOL.**

SIGN the petition and help distribute it.

SHOW your support by decorating your trees with yellow and green ribbons and/or putting a sign in your window.

STAY INFORMED Join RealRenewal online at www.realrenewal.org or send your contact info to RealRenewal c/o 2035 Princess Street, Regina S4T 3Z5.

DONATE to the campaign to save Athabasca School. Contribute online at realrenewal.org or send a cheque made out to RealRenewal to the above address, with the notation 'Save Athabasca.'

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What
GOOD
is a
SMALL
SCHOOL

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A smaller neighbourhood school can be a community hub that includes:

- Adult education
- Community programs
- Daycare
- English language learning
- Family recreation

Research shows small schools outperform larger ones in:

- Student academic achievement
- Participation in sports and other activities
- Active walking and biking habits
- Integration of special needs students
- Teacher job satisfaction
- Parent and community involvement



That's a
lot of
good!

Here's what other communities are doing...

Vancouver

Carleton Elementary is becoming a Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Queen Alexandra School has developed a multi-cultural learning focus. Instead of closing, these and other neighbourhood schools are finding ways to thrive.

Moose Jaw/Prairie South SD

The school board included enhancements for small and rural schools in its last budget, and is developing a small schools policy. With creative planning, Chaplin School has re-opened and is now a going concern.

Chicago

Nettlehorst School struggled with declining enrolment and shabby, uninviting conditions – until the principal gave parents free rein to turn it into their 'dream school.' Now there's a waiting list to get in.

Edmonton

The public school board has enacted a closure moratorium, giving time to explore "a number of ways to support schools rather than close them."

What can WE do?

See over for ideas ➡