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Dear Cris Rowan:

Thank you for your email to the Honourable Paul Merriman, Minister of Health and my office regarding your concerns about screen usage in schools and your request for partnership with *Fairplay for Kids-Screen in Schools* committee. Minister Merriman has asked me to respond to you directly as the Minister of Education. We appreciate your passion for children's well-being and your dedication as an occupational therapist in schools.

In Saskatchewan, our government is commitment to the well-being of all students. In 2022, the Ministry of Education initiated the Take a Break Screen Time Awareness campaign, aimed at promoting responsible and informed device use to reduce negative consequences and improve students' overall well-being. This campaign acknowledges the importance of positive student mental health and wellness for effective learning and achievement.

If you would like to further review the resources created as part of this campaign, you can visit the government's website at: www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/take-a-break. It provides information and guidelines to help teachers and parents promote healthy screen habits and maintain a balance between screen time and other activities.

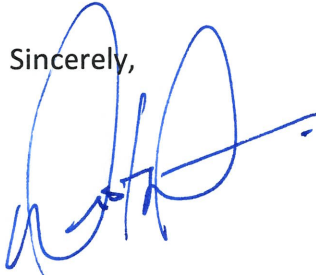
In consultation with the provincial education sector, the Ministry of Education has developed the [Digital Citizenship Education In Saskatchewan Schools](#) resource. By focusing on respectful use of technology, educational value of instructional practices and digital safety, this document provides a framework for incorporating technology into learning environments. School divisions are also encouraged to develop *Respectable Use* policies to address clear expectations regarding the use of technology in the classroom.

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We commend your dedication to advocating for the well-being of children and promoting responsible technology use. Additionally, you could explore the possibility of connecting with each school division to gauge their interest in partnering with *Fairplay for Kids-Screen in Schools* committee. Please find their contact information on our website at: www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/prek-12-education-early-learning-and-schools/k-12-school-divisions-in-saskatchewan.

Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to this important issue.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Education

cc: Honourable Paul Merriman, Minister of Health