

# 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 – 2007 the number of students requiring the support of EAs has more than **doubled**... that number continues to rise
- From 2007 - 2010 there were an **additional 712 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	Saint Paul's R.C.S.S.D.	174
North West S.D.	31	Lloydminster S. D.	57	Regina Public S.D.	126
Regina Public S.D.	27	Prairie Spirit S.D.	47	Chinook S.D.	111
South East Cornerstone S.D.	21	Chinook S.D.	43	South East Cornerstone S.D.	78
Prairie Valley S.D.	20	Saskatoon Public S.D.	34	Saskatoon Public S.D.	75

*\* 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.