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St. Frances Cree Bilingual School receives \$80,000 Indigo Love of Reading Foundation Literacy Fund grant

Students and staff at St. Frances Cree Bilingual School received a surprise during their planned assembly the morning of June 1. Before the anticipated announcement of awards and recognition related to the school's house teams, Principal Darren Fradette revealed that the school is the recipient of an \$80,000 Literacy Fund grant from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation.

"We're thrilled to receive this grant," said Fradette. "Anything that helps get a book in the hands of our students and encourage a culture of reading is welcome. This grant will give our staff extra resources for our central library, classroom libraries, and take-home reading to help foster a love of reading in our students and give them the foundation they need to succeed in all areas—in school and in their future."

St. Frances, home of Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' only Cree bilingual program, is one of 30 schools to receive a 2017 Literacy Fund grant to help elementary schools across Canada in an effort to bolster literacy and give all children equal access to books. Over the past 13 years, the foundation has committed more than \$25 million to help more than 3,000 schools.

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