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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Thursday, September 07, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: David

Last Name: Crowell

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: David (typical pronunciation; Krah - Well)

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Neighbourhood: [Montgomery Place](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Saskatoon Public Schools

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: September 13, 2023 City of Saskatoon Governance and Priorities Committee

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Potential Cancellation of the SASF Program (Student Action for Sustainable Future)

Comments:

It has come to my attention that the City of Saskatoon Governance and Priorities Committee will be reviewing the Student Action for Sustainable Future (SASF) program at an upcoming meeting on September 13 of this year. I am a vice principal and science teacher at Montgomery School and in the Fall of 2019 my classroom was picked for this project. The SASF partnership project between the City of Saskatoon, The Saskatchewan Environmental Association and the major school divisions in the City of Saskatoon is one of the last resources available to cash strapped classrooms.

After my acceptance to the program, I was provided with several days of some of the best professional development I have been involved with in my 28 year teaching career. The \$300 grant helped bolster my \$200 science budget that I had access to that year.

I would suggest that the money spent by the City of Saskatoon in support of the SASF project is likely the best value for tax dollars that is spent in any given year. In the five years since my involvement I would suggest that the actions and activities I have seen in my classroom since our involvement would speak to the value the experience provides. My students and community have diverted over 3000 kg of end of life electronics from the landfill while also providing endless learning opportunities. Additionally, we have diverted an equal amount of other recyclables, converting many of these items into project materials that are used in our classroom and in loaner kits that my students and I create for other schools. One kit alone has allowed us to repurpose nearly 8000 DVD/CD Roms and 60 used coroplast 4 foot by 8 foot plastic sheets used in billboards around the city. Students find new life in these materials and many of the ideas for these found their origins in the many presentations made to teachers during the professional development sessions. In June of 2023 my classes and I were selected as recipients of the Public Schools of Saskatchewan Student Citizenship Award in recognition of our unique recycling programs. Materials donated to our school over the past five years have been converted into learning experiences that have been used by 5000 Grades 5 to 8 students across the City of Saskatoon. These experiences encourage our youth and their families to look at waste in new and inspiring ways.

I am aware that you have many difficult decisions ahead and as a long time resident of our city I am grateful for your hard work. As a representative of hundreds of students in my school I want to ask you not to do the easy thing and cancel this amazing program. The overall costs for the SASF on a yearly basis are not likely as great as other areas that you may be considering. That may make it easier to cancel the program, thinking that the impact would not be as significant due to the lower cost but I would ask that you consider the fact that this program aims directly at the youth of our city and those that work with them. Please keep this program running in our schools and in our community. If you want exact, easy to grasp examples of the impacts this program has had in my life working here at Montgomery School I will happily address any questions in person. Better yet, I will bring the very students themselves to speak to the idea as well.

To finish, I want to leave you with a May 2022 news feature from CBC Saskatoon that highlighted our electronics recycling work here at Montgomery School. I thank you for taking the time to review my comments at the committee level.

Here is URL to the CBC feature: [https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/electronic-waste-school-1.6453586#:~:text=About%2037%2C000%20tonnes%20of%20e%2Dwaste%20recycled%20in%20Saskatchewan%20since%202007&text=Trevor%20Bothorel%2FCBC\)-.With%20screwdrivers%20and%20pliers%20in%20hand%2C%20Grade%206%20and%207,life%20or%20no%20longer%20work.](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/electronic-waste-school-1.6453586#:~:text=About%2037%2C000%20tonnes%20of%20e%2Dwaste%20recycled%20in%20Saskatchewan%20since%202007&text=Trevor%20Bothorel%2FCBC)-.With%20screwdrivers%20and%20pliers%20in%20hand%2C%20Grade%206%20and%207,life%20or%20no%20longer%20work.)

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No