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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: She/her/hers

First Name: Melanie

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Province: Saskatchewan

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Governance and Priorities Committee

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.3.1

Comments:

I have been a teacher in Saskatoon for 18 years, and I would like to comment in support of ongoing funding for the Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF) program. I have seen my own students as well as those of colleagues become wholly engaged and inspired through this program as they learned about important issues such as food security, biodiversity, and more.

The SASF program is transformative and award-winning. The program has served over 3,400 students, 146 teachers, and 72 schools in its 10-year legacy.

This unique curriculum connected program provides strong data driven and science-based learning for students on climate change. Through its innovative inquiry-based approach it is the only program of its kind in Saskatoon that supports students to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at school, home, and in their community through projects they design. Students in this program are highly engaged, propose and implement real world solutions, and build tangible skills. Students leave the program to become environmental and civic leaders equipped with the tools to educate and make impactful changes in their communities.

The SASF program has overwhelming benefits that are well worth the continued support and investment by the City of Saskatoon. I encourage the City to continue the legacy of the SASF program for future students and educators through adequate funding.

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