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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Prairie Spirit plans second annual innovative music conference for students**

Prairie Spirit School Division is hosting an innovative music conference for students on April 14 and 15. This is the second year for the *Resonate Student Music Conference*.

Over 230 students are registered for the conference this year, including approximately 20 students from outside the school division. There will be 18 different Prairie Spirit schools represented at the conference.

The conference has been designed to encourage students in grades 7 through 12 to become more engaged in music. "Our goal is to engage students in music learning and musical skill development," said Kendra Worman, Music Support Facilitator for Prairie Spirit School Division. "As a result, we hope our students will be more engaged in school and will contribute to the growth and development of music education around the province."

Because the conference is designed for students and offers a wide variety of musical genres, it is a unique event in the province, she added. This year, the conference has been organized as a day-long learning event for students on Thursday, April 14 or Friday, April 15 at the Salvation Army Camp at Beaver Creek.

The conference offers students the opportunity to choose their sessions from a variety of options, based on their musical interests. These sessions will be presented by music industry professionals and will be designed for students with a range of ability and knowledge.

Session topics include: song writing, guitar, drumming, music recording technology, instrument repair, hip hop, and many others. Some of the presenters will provide keynote performances and stories from their musical careers.

A day-long professional development opportunity for music teachers has been added to the Resonate schedule this year. On Wednesday, April 13, music specialists and classroom teachers from around the province will come together to learn more about leading and facilitating music in their classrooms and schools.

#### **DETAILS**

Media are invited to experience the conference on Thursday, April 14, between 12:45 - 2 p.m. or on Friday, April 15, between 10 - 11:15 a.m. This part of the conference would be visually interesting and offer a sample of the conference.

If you are planning to be part of this event, please contact Brenda Erickson at (306) 683-2880 or [brenda.erickson@spiritsd.ca](mailto:brenda.erickson@spiritsd.ca) by Wednesday, April 13.

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