

Don Smoke

My name is Don Smoke and I am a longtime resident of Portage la Prairie with vast experience in Indigenous education. I have served as Director of Education of Dakota Plains School in my nation for the last 25 years. Dakota Plains School prides itself on offering the best education program to their students and I believe I have the knowledge to help steer our schools in a direction of growth and quality education experiences for both staff and students.

I am also the current Board Chair for the Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services which offers services to children and families in 7 First Nations in Manitoba. Working to better the lives of our communities' youth is what I strive for in my day to day work.

I grew up in Portage and attended YellowQuill School, Prince Charles and Portage Collegiate. I have coached Timbits hockey and I am an active board member of Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation. My wife Joan is a school principal and two of my three daughters are teachers. Our youngest still attends high school in Portage.

I feel encouraged at the opportunity to share my visions and goals as a school board trustee.

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