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## **Saskatchewan Advocate's Youth Advisory Council celebrating National Child Day 2021 through education.**

SASKATOON: **November 20<sup>th</sup> is National Child Day**, a day to celebrate the rights of children and youth. This year also marks 30 years of Canada's commitment to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

To celebrate National Child Day, the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth, together with its Youth Advisory Council, created a video about the importance of the day and invited classrooms across the province to participate in a group challenge to help spread the word about children's rights.

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) contributes to the Advocate's priority of amplifying the voices and perspectives of children and youth and influencing systems to improve their lives.

Lisa Broda, the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth, expressed gratitude for the Council. "We are very fortunate to have these amazing young people with their diverse backgrounds and experiences as part of our Youth Advisory Council. Their voices and lived experiences inform and elevate our advocacy work toward respecting the rights, interests and well-being of children and youth in Saskatchewan," said Broda.

In the National Child Day school challenge, YAC members selected and invited participants to showcase one of three rights that represent a young person's ability to grow and develop to their fullest potential: the right to identity, the right to education, and the right to culture, language, and religion.

National Child Day is "[...] a day about talking about what being a child in Canada really is – from celebrating your growth and your achievements to talking to your adults about what they can do better so that they can properly support you so that you can become the best you possible," said Piper from the YAC.

On this National Child Day, the Advocate acknowledges that in the 30 years since ratifying the UNCRC, Canada's standing in the welfare of children, as compared to other wealthy countries, has declined. "Given this reality, and the hardship and challenges created during the last two years of the pandemic, more than ever I encourage our community to join together to celebrate, support and most importantly uphold children's unique rights," said Broda.

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