

Sun West School Division Encourages Community to Continue Support of Publicly Funded Education

Considering the recent budget implications to the education system, Sun West School Division along with the other school divisions in the province, is encouraging community members to continue adding their voices in support of publicly funded education.

Communities communicated overwhelming support for locally elected boards prior to the provincial budget on March 22nd, 2017. After the budget was announced there were significant cuts to education funding. These cuts will impact the ability for Boards of Education to make decisions at the local level. Boards of Education are deeply concerned about the consequences this is certainly going to have on students.

As a summary:

- Funding has been cut by at least \$55 million
- Per-student funding on average across the province is down almost \$500 a student for the upcoming school year.
- Salary cuts by 3.5 per cent

In addition to the above, Bill 63 proposes amendments to The Education Act essentially meaning that elected boards would have less say in public education and the government would have more decision-making responsibilities.

“On behalf of students we ask our community members to continue to voice their opinion in support of publicly funded education. With proposed amendments, Bill 63 removes local say in the education of our students. We encourage community members to contact their local MLAs and share messages on social media. The Government of Saskatchewan needs to hear from us regarding what is best for students.” said Karen Itterman, Sun West School Division Board Chair.

Contact information for your MLA is available at <http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/mlas/current-mlas-print-version> .

Further information is provided on the Saskatchewan School Board Association’s website at the following link: <http://saskschoolboards.ca/education-belongs-to-community/> .

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