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Dear parents/guardians and friends of Catholic Education;

Thank you for choosing Catholic education for your child(ren) and for keeping Catholic Education in your prayers. We have an update on the Theodore court case ruling. All eight Catholic boards in the province are working together to explore funding the appeal of the decision last April by Justice Layh. We are committed to raising the funds without using operational monies given to us for classrooms. We are asking your help to defray the costs.

As was communicated previously in earlier correspondence, the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA) set up a website for donations in June: <https://www.catholicedsprit.ca>. We thank those who have already donated.

Since we will be in court by mid-2018, we must now begin an official major fundraising campaign to help us cover present and future legal costs. Our collective goal is to raise \$300,000 to pay for the legal counsel anticipated for both the Saskatchewan Court of Appeals and the potential Supreme Court of Canada. We are optimistic that this goal will be reached with the kindness and generosity of our stakeholders.

We have about 40,000 students in Saskatchewan who attend Catholic schools and we will do whatever is necessary to help protect a parent's ability to choose a faith-based Catholic education for their child(ren). We believe in what our Catholic schools have to offer and acknowledge you do as well. We therefore encourage you to consider contributing to our collective challenge during our Official Fundraising Campaign beginning November 14. Details on how to donate are at www.rcsd.ca. Tax receipts can be issued for donations.

Lastly, we would like to emphasize that we have been offering Catholic education (not just education to Catholics) for over 125 years in the province of Saskatchewan. By the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have weathered many storms. We have faith and hope this current situation will be no different. Parents with a genuine desire to access a Catholic education for their children will continue to be welcomed in Catholic schools this year and for many years to come.

Please continue to pray for Catholic education in Saskatchewan.

Blessings in Christ,

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