



# Media Release

## ***PSBAA says Theodore case appeal is precedent-setting for Alberta***

March 12, 2019 (Regina, SK) ... For the next two days, the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta (PSBAA) is in Regina, Saskatchewan as the Theodore case appeal begins in the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal.

"We are here because this is a precedent-setting case that has the potential to affect Alberta students and school boards," said PSBAA President Cathy Hogg. "The central issue is whether the provincial government – in this case Saskatchewan – is violating the Canadian Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by adopting legislation which is based on the view that Catholic separate schools have a constitutional "guarantee" of complete equality of funding with public schools."

In a 2017 decision in Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench, the judge in the Theodore case issued a ruling that struck down Saskatchewan's school funding legislation as unconstitutional. PSBAA is presenting as an intervenor in the appeal case, and previously filed its factum with the Court.

In his 15-minute presentation tomorrow afternoon, PSBAA's lawyer will explain why the Court of Appeal should dismiss the appeal and uphold the decision of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan.

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