

# Media Release

## ***PSBAA releases statement in Theodore case appeal in Saskatchewan***

March 25, 2020 (Edmonton, AB) ... The Saskatchewan Court of Appeal today reversed a lower court decision that struck down Saskatchewan’s school funding legislation as unconstitutional.

“This case is precedent-setting for Alberta, because our education system is so similar to Saskatchewan,” said PSBAA President Cathy Hogg. “Any court decision that affects how public education is funded in Saskatchewan could also affect Alberta. It’s important to note, though, that the appeal is absolutely not about challenging the constitutionally-protected rights of separate schools – it’s strictly about how provincial funding for public schools might be affected by court decisions.”

In 2017, the Court of Queen’s Bench in Regina, Saskatchewan ruled the Saskatchewan government could not fund “non-minority faith students” to attend a Catholic school in Theodore, Saskatchewan because it was a violation both of the Canadian Charter of Rights and the government’s duty of religious neutrality.

In March 2019 PSBAA representatives, including President Hogg, travelled to Regina, Saskatchewan to present to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal as an intervenor in the case.

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