

Catholic Education in Saskatchewan: A People of Faith

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- **Catholic Education is an integral part of the history, heart and soul of Saskatchewan.**
- **Catholic Education continues to contribute to the variety, diversity and strength of education in Saskatchewan.**
- **The SCSBA is proud of our rich legacy and grateful that our government continues to strongly support Catholic Education in this province.**
- **The SCSBA is thankful to this government for the many ways it has recognized Catholic Education as a vital part of the educational landscape in Saskatchewan. Following is a list of some examples:**
- **In October of 2013, nine new Catholic Schools were announced, supporting the growth of Catholic Education in four cities in this province. These schools will be opened in September of 2017.**
- **In January of 2014, in the first ever meeting with our Catholic Bishops and the SCSBA Executive Committee, the Minister of Education agreed to partially fund the development of a new Catholic Studies Program in partnership with the SCSBA. These new courses will be used in all Catholic High Schools.**
- **In April of 2014 the Ministry agreed to provide financial support for the operations of the newly formed Warman RCSSD#213.**
- **In December 2014, the Ministry agreed to fully fund the writing of the new High School Religious Studies Program, including providing for a French version of the program. The Ministry further agreed that these new courses would be provincially recognized credit courses.**
- **In December 2014 the SCSBA was invited to provide feedback related to the “Deepening the Discussion: Gender and Sexual Diversity” resource document being developed by the Ministry. This invitation is a clear indication of the desire to ensure that Catholic School Boards have the opportunity for meaningful feedback related to a topic that may be very sensitive within our Catholic community.**
- **In September of 2016 the SCSBA was invited to a meeting with government officials to discuss proposed changes to the draft property tax legislation. The draft legislation being presented to the government will include the provision for Catholic School Divisions to opt out of using the provincial mill rate and levy a different mill rate to Catholic rate payers.**
- **Catholic Education continues to play a fundamental, leading and important role in Saskatchewan's publicly funded education system.**