

2016 - Spring Adopted Resolutions Work Plan and Assignments

(Updated March 2019)

1. SSBA demand that the Government of Saskatchewan provide adequate mental health support for all students in Saskatchewan.

Lead: Ted Amendt. Discuss this item with the Ministry of Education. Consider in the context of the Education Sector Strategic Plan. April 2016 – June 2017. Ongoing advocacy. Discussions underway with the Minister to ensure Education is part of the conversation and action. Ongoing advocacy continues with the Minister and Ministry of Education. A limited number of mental health pilots are underway in Saskatchewan schools.

2. SSBA strongly lobby the provincial and federal governments to provide additional one-time funding to those school divisions receiving Syrian refugees and who experienced increased costs to support those students.

Lead: Jill Welke. Raise item with Minister of Education and include in SSBA Communication and Advocacy strategy. April – December, 2016. Complete. No further action will be taken on this.

A letter was sent to the Minister of Education. The resolution was also raised with the Minister of Education in meetings in terms of discussions with the federal government - the Minister indicated they have requested support from the federal government and we have confirmed that federal funding was not provided for education. In the 2016 provincial budget release it stated that "\$5.4 million of school operating funding is being targeted to support Syrian refugee students" – yet there was no "one-time" additional funding in the budget allocation. While boards surveyed cited positives in the budget including recognition of current-year enrolment numbers, many noted those changes were offset by the lack of funding for teacher salary increases and other uncontrollable costs. The result was overall funding decreases in 2016 for many boards.

3. SSBA advocate to the Government of Saskatchewan to officially recognize September 30th as "Orange Shirt Day". This day is to recognize the harm of the Indian Residential School System did to the children's sense of self-esteem and well-being and is an affirmation of the province's commitment to ensure that "Every Child Matters".

Lead: Jamie Lerat. Raise this resolution with the Minister of Education for response. April – September, 2016.

Complete. Continuous advocacy and submission of Proclamation request from the Government, annually.