

# Saskatchewan Teacher Regulation Legislation

## Media Backgrounder

### Highlights – Legislative Changes

- Establishment of the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board
- Establishment of the nine-person board of directors
- Grant SPTRB authority to issue certificates and investigate complaints
- Establish a five-person professional conduct committee and a five person discipline committee
- Establish a public register

### Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board

The board will regulate who is a member of the profession and will oversee disciplinary functions for misconduct or incompetence. Specifically, the board will have the ability to:

- Certify and register teachers
- Determine if individual teachers are suitable to hold and maintain a certificate
- Suspend or cancel a teacher's certificate

### Board of Directors

The SPTRB will be governed by a nine-person board of directors, which will be comprised of:

- Seven registered teachers and two members of the public
- Government will appoint three teachers and two members of the public, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation will appoint three teachers, and the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents will appoint one teacher

Until the legislation is passed, an interim board of directors will be appointed and will be responsible for developing the bylaws and structure of the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board.

### Stakeholder Engagement

Government has engaged the following education sector partners to develop a regulatory framework that will serve and protect the interests of students, teachers and the public:

- Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
- League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents
- Saskatchewan School Boards Association
- Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations

## **Project Timeline**

### **November 2013**

Following the completion of the government review of teacher regulation, the Ministry of Education announced that it would work with education stakeholders to create a separate entity for teacher regulation and discipline.

### **May 2014**

Officials from the STF and Ministry of Education created and signed the *Memorandum of Agreement Re: Teacher Regulation in Saskatchewan*. The Memorandum recognizes that the regulation of teachers in Saskatchewan is a shared responsibility of post-secondary institutions, employing school divisions, government and professional organizations (STF and LEADS).

### **July 2014**

An eight-person Teacher Regulation Transition Committee was appointed to provide stakeholder input into the development of legislation that will establish a new regulatory body. The committee consists of representatives from the Ministry of Education, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, the League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents, Saskatchewan School Boards Association, First Nations Directors of Education, FSIN and a member of the public.

### **December 2014**

Education Minister Don Morgan introduces legislation to establish the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board (SPTRB).

### **Spring 2015**

An interim board of directors will be appointed and responsible for developing the bylaws and structure of the Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board.

### **Fall 2015**

The Saskatchewan Professional Teachers Regulatory Board is expected to begin operations.