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Minister of Advanced Education

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March 18, 2026

Laura Burnouf, Chair  
Board of Governors  
Gabriel Dumont Institute  
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Dear Laura Burnouf:

Saskatchewan's 2026-27 Budget will protect the stability of our post-secondary sector with ongoing predictable investments. Funding from the Ministries of Advanced Education and Immigration and Career Training will support students as they pursue higher education and will invest in training opportunities that align with labour market needs and our growing economy.

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to invest \$14,766,200 in the Gabriel Dumont Institute for the fiscal year April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. Appendix 1 provides a high-level summary of the funding allocation, while Appendix 2 outlines comprehensive details, including the breakdown and intended application of these funds.

A strong post-secondary education sector is essential to building Saskatchewan's labour force and economy. That's why our government is proud to support the new *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*. This agreement delivers funding certainty for post-secondary institutions, requires annual tuition increases to be within the range of 0 to 3.0 per cent for students and includes annual accountability reporting which demonstrates progress in priority areas that support the goals of *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan*.

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As a signatory to the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*, the Gabriel Dumont Institute will receive an annual 3.0 per cent increase to its base operating grant beginning in 2026-27. As shown in Appendix 1, the 1.0 per cent increase provided in 2025-26 has been made permanent.

The Ministry of Advanced Education has increased the Gabriel Dumont Institute's collective base operating grant by \$618,000 to transition to a unified funding approach. This change eliminates separate allocations for collective bargaining costs and requires institutions to manage all operating expenses within their operating grant. The unified model promotes consistency and sustainability across Saskatchewan's post-secondary sector.

An additional \$500,000 has been designated in the 2026-27 Budget to support Métis students in the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP), reflecting the province's commitment to increasing the representation of Métis educators in Saskatchewan's classrooms.

Program investments in 2026-27 are intended to address the training and labour market needs of priority sectors outlined in the *Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy*. The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to ensuring Saskatchewan people are prepared for the high-quality jobs being created in our province and that training is aligned with employer demand.

Achievements under the four pillars of the *Health Human Resources Action Plan*—Recruit, Retain, Train, and Incentivize—demonstrate the value of investments that expand opportunities for students in essential health-related programs. These investments reflect the province's strong commitment to working closely with post-secondary institutions and health partners to grow health training programs and strengthen Saskatchewan's future workforce.

The Government of Saskatchewan provides targeted operating and programming funding for approved initiatives and projects. These funds must be used exclusively for eligible expenses related to the approved purpose and in compliance with all reporting and accountability requirements. Any use of targeted funds outside the approved scope requires prior written authorization.

Ministry officials will be in contact with representatives at your institution to discuss the following accountability criteria within the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*:

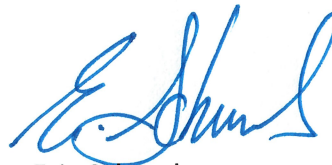
- **Confirmation to comply with the manner and form of the accountability requirements** – due April 15, 2026; and
- **Multi-Year Funding Accountability Report** – due September 15, 2026.

Saskatchewan's future prosperity and success depend on an educated population and a skilled, innovative workforce. We appreciate the Gabriel Dumont Institute's role in helping us meet the goals in *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan* and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Ken Cheveldayoff  
Minister of Advanced Education



Eric Schmalz  
Minister of Immigration and Career Training

Attachments

cc: Brett Vandale, Chief Executive Officer, Gabriel Dumont Institute  
Beverly Lonsdale, Director of Finance, Gabriel Dumont Institute  
Derrick Morin, Director, Dumont Technical Institute  
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education  
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**APPENDIX 1**  
**Detailed Schedule of Funding**  
**Gabriel Dumont Institute/Dumont Technical Institute**

**Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027**

		<b>2026-27 Funding</b>	<b>2025-26 Funding</b>
<b>GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE</b>			
<b><u>Operating</u></b>			
Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$	2,448,100	
MYF MOU* Base Adjustment		193,000	
1% Increase (2025-26)		24,000	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,665,100</b>	
MYF MOU* 3% Increase		79,900	
<b>Base Operating Grant</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,745,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,448,100</b>
1% Increase (2025-26)		—	24,000
<b>GDI: Total Operating</b>		<b>\$ 2,745,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,472,100</b>
<b>DUMONT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE</b>			
<b><u>Operating</u></b>			
Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$	2,489,200	
MYF MOU* Base Adjustment		316,000	
1% Increase (2025-26)		25,000	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,830,200</b>	
MYF MOU* 3% Increase		84,800	
<b>Base Operating Grant</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,915,000</b>	<b>2,489,200</b>
1% Increase (2025-26)		—	25,000
<b>DTI: Total Operating</b>		<b>\$ 2,915,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,514,200</b>
<b><u>Training Programs and Services</u></b>			
Skills Training		2,285,000	2,285,000
Essential Skills		2,245,000	2,245,000
<b>DTI: Total Training Programs and Services</b>		<b>\$ 4,530,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,530,000</b>
<b>DTI: Total Funding</b>		<b>\$ 7,445,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,044,200</b>

\*MYF MOU = Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30

	<b>2026-27 Funding</b>	<b>2025-26 Funding</b>
<b>SASKATCHEWAN URBAN NATIVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM</b>		
Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$ 3,762,900	
MYF MOU* Base Adjustments	609,000	
1% Increase (2025-26)	38,000	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 4,409,900</b>	
MYF MOU* 3% Increase	132,100	
<b>Base Operating Grant</b>	<b>\$ 4,542,000</b>	<b>3,762,900</b>
1% Increase (2025-26)	—	38,000
<b>SUNTEP: Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 4,542,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,800,900</b>
<b>Student Supports</b>		
Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship	34,200	34,200
<b>Total Student Supports</b>	<b>\$ 34,200</b>	<b>\$ 34,200</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 14,766,200</b>	<b>\$ 13,351,400</b>

**Funding Source:**

Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education	\$ 10,236,200
Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training	4,530,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 14,766,200</b>

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**APPENDIX 2**  
**Funding Details**  
**Gabriel Dumont Institute/Dumont Technical Institute**

**Operating**

The 2026-27 total operating grant of **\$10,202,000** (\$4,542,000 - Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP), \$2,915,000 - Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) and \$2,745,000 - Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI)) includes:

**Base Adjustment**

Under the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding for 2026-27 to 2029-30*, the Ministry of Advanced Education has increased the base operating grants by **\$618,000** (\$316,000 - DTI, \$193,000 - GDI and \$109,000 - SUNTEP) to remove separate annual allocations for collective bargaining costs. This updated funding method creates a consistent approach across the publicly funded post-secondary sector. As of April 1, 2026, GDI, DTI and SUNTEP are responsible for managing all operating expenses within the overall operating grants.

**SUNTEP**

SUNTEP's 2026-27 total funding of \$4,542,000 also includes a base increase of **\$500,000** to support increased program costs.

**Disability Supports Grant – DTI**

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$52,000** to assist students with disabilities in non-post-secondary education studies, including Adult Basic Education, Canadian Adult Education Credential, skills training and apprenticeship programs. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$500 (1%) to the base grant and a \$1,500 (3%) increase in 2026-27. Funding is for exceptional education-related services and equipment that support the student's disability and individual circumstances. DTI is responsible for providing guidance and arranging the necessary accommodations to meet the student's needs and successfully participate in their studies.

Post-secondary institutions are required to report on the number of students supported and the types of supports provided through this funding in **your annual report**.

**Outside the 2026–27 Operating Grant**

Some items funded directly by the Ministry of Advanced Education are not part of the 2026–27 operating grant and include:

- \$51,000 for CommunityNet (CNet) network circuit costs for high-speed broadband services (SaskTel); and
- \$10,000 for your institution's yearly Saskatchewan Research Network (SRNET) membership that provides the benefits of cybersecurity and shared procurement services while connecting Saskatchewan's education, research and innovation sectors.

## Training Programs and Services – DTI

### Skills Training

The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training is committed to delivering accredited programs that meet labour market needs, support employers across sectors, and strengthen Saskatchewan’s economy. Funding for 2026-27 DTI’s Skills Training programming is as follows:

Programs	2026-27	2025-26
Skills Training Allocation (STA)	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,115,000
<b><i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i></b>		
• Practical Nursing (year two) (14-additional seats) <sup>1</sup>	370,000	—
• Practical Nursing (year one) (14-additional seats)	—	370,000
• Continuing Care Assistant (14-additional seats)	150,000	150,000
Skilled Trades Expansion	650,000	650,000
<b>Total Skills Training Funding</b>	<b>\$ 2,285,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,285,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Targeted funding for 2026-27; not an ongoing increase to the STA base allocation.

### Essential Skills

The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training is committed to helping adult learners build essential employment skills, advance their education and certification, and acquire prerequisites for further training that supports entry into the labour market. Funding for 2026-27 DTI’s Essential Skills programming is as follows:

Programs	2026-27	2025-26
Adult Basic Education	\$ 2,045,000	\$ 2,045,000
Adult Basic Education-Essential Skills for the Workplace	200,000	200,000
<b>Total Essential Skills Funding</b>	<b>\$ 2,245,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,245,000</b>

### Student Supports

The Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS) allocation for 2026-27 noted below is subject to institution ability to match funds in the previous year. The Ministry of Advanced Education will review reporting and fundraising progress with institutions prior to the 2027-28 Budget.

SIOS Component	2026-27	2025-26
Opportunity	\$ 34,200	\$ 34,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,200</b>	<b>\$ 34,200</b>

Payment to be issued October 2026.

By **June 30, 2026**, post-secondary institutions are to submit a letter to the ministry regarding scholarship priority areas (i.e., student categories and programs) for the upcoming year, as well as a plan that outlines how any unspent funding will be utilized. Institutions are also required to report actual (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) scholarship activity by **July 31, 2026**.