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Minister of Advanced Education

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March 18, 2026

Chief Darcy Bear, Chair
Board of Governors
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
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Dear Chief Darcy Bear:

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 \$12,310,200 in the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies 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 Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies 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 adjusted the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies' base operating grant to transition to a unified funding approach. The 2026-27 Budget provides an additional \$2,500,000 to support the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies' continued investment in the staff and instructors who deliver high-quality programming for Indigenous students. This shift reflects rising personnel 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.

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.

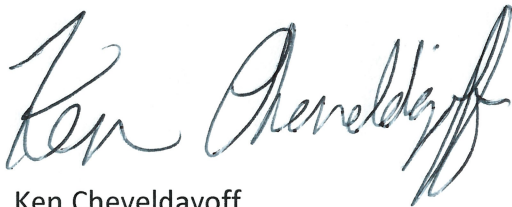
The Government of Saskatchewan provides targeted operating and programming funding for approved initiatives and projects. These funds must be used exclusively for eligible expenses related to the approved purpose and in compliance with all reporting and accountability requirements. Any use of targeted 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;
- **Multi-Year Funding Accountability Report** – due September 15, 2026; and
- **Tuition Schedules** – due March 15, 2027.

Saskatchewan's future prosperity and success depend on an educated population and a skilled, innovative workforce. We appreciate the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies' 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: Riel Bellegarde, President and CEO, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
CeCe Baptiste, Vice-President of Finance, Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education
Drew Wilby, Deputy Minister of Immigration and Career Training

APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies

Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

		2026-27 Funding	2025-26 Funding
<u>Operating</u>			
	Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$ 3,676,500	
	MYF MOU* Base Adjustment	2,500,000	
	1% Increase (2025-26)	37,000	
	Subtotal	\$ 6,213,500	
	MYF MOU* 3% Increase	186,500	
	Base Operating Grant	\$ 6,400,000	\$ 3,676,500
	1% Increase (2025-26)	—	37,000
	Total Operating	\$ 6,400,000	\$ 3,713,500
<u>Training Programs and Services</u>			
	Skills Training	3,170,000	3,070,000
	Essential Skills	2,650,000	2,650,000
	Total Training Programs and Services	\$ 5,820,000	\$ 5,720,000
<u>Student Supports</u>			
	Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship	90,200	90,200
	Total Student Supports	\$ 90,200	\$ 90,200
	Total Funding	\$ 12,310,200	\$ 9,523,700

Funding Source:

Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education	\$ 6,490,200
Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training	5,820,000
Total Funding	\$ 12,310,200

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

APPENDIX 2
Funding Details
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies

Operating

The 2026-27 total operating grant of **\$6,400,000** for Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) 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 provided an additional **\$2,500,000** to support SIIT's commitment to excellence by investing in the staff and educators who deliver high-quality programming. As of April 1, 2026, SIIT is responsible for managing all operating expenses within its overall operating grant.

Student Support Services Model

The 2026-27 operating grant includes **\$374,000** operating funding to increase student engagement, retention, and achievement. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$3,200 (1%) to the base grant and an \$11,000 (3%) increase in 2026-27. By **September 30, 2026**, please submit a report on the progress in identifying and meeting student needs. It is expected that the report will include:

- recruitment and guidance provided to students into appropriate programs;
- providing a safe and healthy learning environment that is sensitive to and supportive of Indigenous languages, cultures, and values;
- offering diverse training relevant to market and industry needs;
- accommodating students who wish to learn in their own communities by delivering knowledge through alternatives to the traditional classroom;
- providing academic and learning support services to maximize student success and career placement;
- providing information and advocacy for services and supports that can help individual students deal with challenges such as housing, funding, and child care services; and,
- statistics on student retention, completion, graduation, and labour market attachment.

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:

- \$24,000 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

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 SIIT's 2026-27 Skills Training programming is as follows:

Programs	2026-27	2025-26
Skills Training Allocation (STA)	\$ 1,361,000	\$ 1,361,000
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>		
• Indigenous Practical Nursing (year two) (18-additional seats) ¹	284,000	—
• Indigenous Practical Nursing (year one) (18-additional seats)	—	284,000
• Indigenous Continuing Care Assistant (20-additional seats)	325,000	325,000
Skilled Trades Expansion	700,000	600,000
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Programs	500,000	500,000
Total Skills Training Funding	\$ 3,170,000	\$ 3,070,000

¹ 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 SIIT's 2026-27 Essential Skills programming is as follows:

Programs	2026-27	2025-26
Adult Basic Education	\$ 850,000	\$ 850,000
Adult Basic Education-Essential Skills for the Workplace	200,000	200,000
On-Reserve Adult Basic Education	1,600,000	1,600,000
Total Essential Skills Funding	\$ 2,650,000	\$ 2,650,000

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	\$ 90,200	\$ 90,200
Total	\$ 90,200	\$ 90,200

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**.