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March 18, 2026

Cari Bode, Chair
Board of Directors
Saskatchewan Polytechnic
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Dear Cari Bode:

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 \$212,168,500 in Saskatchewan Polytechnic 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*, Saskatchewan Polytechnic 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 Saskatchewan Polytechnic's base operating grant by \$9,245,000 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.

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.

Capital funding in the 2026-27 Budget is focused on addressing urgent labour market needs, particularly within the trades and health care sectors. Investments are prioritized to ensure post-secondary institutions are equipped to prepare students for the province's evolving workforce needs. The Budget also continues to prioritize investment in preventative maintenance to address safety, functionality, and the provision of healthy learning environments.

The Government of Saskatchewan provides targeted operating, programming and capital 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 Saskatchewan Polytechnic'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: Dr. Larry Rosia, President and CEO, Saskatchewan Polytechnic
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APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

	2026-27 Funding	2025-26 Funding
<u>Operating</u>		
Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$ 131,388,300	
MYF MOU* Base Adjustment	9,245,000	
1% Increase (2025-26)	1,314,000	
Subtotal	\$ 141,947,300	
MYF MOU* 3% Increase	4,258,700	
Base Operating Grant	\$ 146,206,000	\$ 131,388,300
Accommodations Grant	29,907,000	32,098,000
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	10,965,000	8,298,500
1% Increase (2025-26)	—	1,314,000
Internationally Educated Nurse Training	—	600,000
Total Operating	\$ 187,078,000	\$ 173,698,800
<u>Training Programs and Services</u>		
Essential Skills	6,543,000	7,865,000
Total Training Programs and Services	\$ 6,543,000	\$ 7,865,000
<u>Capital Transfers</u>		
Joseph A. Rемаi Saskatoon Campus Renewal	10,000,000	2,000,000
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	4,583,000	4,892,000
Skilled Trades Training Facilities Expansion - Regina Campus	2,168,000	—
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal	1,269,000	1,369,000
Total Capital Transfers	\$ 18,020,000	\$ 8,261,000
<u>Student Supports</u>		
Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship	527,500	527,500
Total Student Supports	\$ 527,500	\$ 527,500
Total Funding	\$ 212,168,500	\$ 190,352,300

Funding Source:

Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education	\$ 205,625,500
Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training	6,543,000
Total Funding	\$ 212,168,500

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

APPENDIX 2
Funding Details
Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Operating

The 2026-27 total operating grant of **\$187,078,000** for Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Sask Polytech) 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 grant by **\$9,245,000** 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, Sask Polytech is responsible for managing all operating expenses within its overall operating grant.

Indigenous Student Success Strategy

The Sask Polytech 2026-27 operating grant includes **\$605,000** to support the Indigenous Student Success Strategy. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$5,800 (1%) to the base grant and a \$17,800 (3%) increase in 2026-27. Funding began in 2011-12 to increase the recruitment, retention, and success of Indigenous students. The strategy focuses on realigning Indigenous student services, creating added support programming and addressing institutional barriers to student completion. Sask Polytech is to submit a report on or before **August 29, 2026**, outlining the associated expenditures, activities, and outcomes in 2025-26. The report is to include:

- itemized core functions of the Indigenous Student Success Strategy, including activities and services offered to clients at each of the campuses;
- list of the expenditures related to the core functions, including the number and cost of employees delivering the functions; and
- details of the targeted and actual output and outcome success measures.

Mobile Training Lab Operating Grant

The 2026-27 operating grant includes **\$119,000** to support three mobile training labs. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$1,150 (1%) to the base grant and a \$3,600 (3%) increase in 2026-27. Funding began in 2007-08 and is to cover the annual maintenance and operating costs that Sask Polytech manages on behalf of the institutions using the labs. Sask Polytech is to submit a report on or before **September 30, 2026**, to outline the total revenue and expenditures for the mobile training labs. This should include the 2025-26 Actuals, the 2026-27 Budget and separate the revenue and expenditures funded by the grant, as well as expenditures funded by other revenue.

Disability Supports Grant

The 2025-26 operating grant includes **\$116,500** 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 \$1,100 (1%) to the base grant and a \$3,400 (3%) increase in 2026-27. Funding is for exceptional education-related services and equipment that support the student's disability and individual circumstances. Sask Polytech 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**.

Health Human Resources Action Plan

To support the ongoing needs of Saskatchewan's health system, the Government of Saskatchewan continues to invest in critical health care training programs and initiatives such as ongoing seat expansions in Registered Nursing, Registered Psychiatric Nursing and Nurse Practitioner, the implementation of the Respiratory Therapy domestic program and the jointly developed Virtual Reality Initiative in nursing. The 2026-27 Budget provides **\$10,965,000** in targeted operating funding in support of the following:

Programs	Funding Purpose	2026-27	2025-26
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Advanced Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing, Collaborative Nurse Practitioner (Started 2022-23)	Continuation of the 62-seat expansion in Registered Nursing, 16-seat expansion in Registered Psychiatric Nursing and 5-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program	\$3,842,000	\$3,841,500
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Advanced Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing	Continuation of the 48-seat expansion in Registered Nursing (24 seats Started 2024-25 and 24 seats Started 2025-26) and 32-seat expansion in Registered Psychiatric Nursing (16 seats Started 2024-25 and 16 seats Started 2025-26)	4,643,000	3,485,000
Collaborative Nurse Practitioner and Virtual Reality Initiative	New 13-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program (Start 2026-27)	589,000	—
	Continuation of the 5-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program (Started 2025-26)	366,000	155,000
	Continuation of the Virtual Reality Initiative ¹ in Nursing	123,000	240,000
Respiratory Therapy	Continuation of the Respiratory Therapy advanced diploma implementation starting fall 2026 originally with 20 seats, and new for 2026-27 an additional 5 seats, for a total of 25 seats annually	1,037,000	285,000
Medical Radiologic Technology	Continuation of the 10-seat expansion in Medical Radiologic Technology (Started 2025-26)	365,000	292,000
Total Health Human Resources Action Plan Funding		\$ 10,965,000	\$ 8,298,500

¹Details regarding Virtual Reality Initiative funding disbursement will be provided separately.

Training Programs and Services

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 Saskatchewan Polytechnic's 2026-27 Essential Skills programming is as follows:

Programs	2026-27	2025-26
Adult Basic Education	\$ 5,743,000*	\$ 7,065,000
Adult Basic Education-Essential Skills for the Workplace	400,000	400,000
Adult Basic Education Provincial Aboriginal Strategy	400,000	400,000
Total Essential Skills Funding	\$ 6,543,000	\$ 7,865,000
Approved Adult Basic Education Reserve Use	1,322,000	—
Total Available for Essential Skills Programming	\$ 7,865,000	\$ 7,865,000

*Based on the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training's *Skills Training and Essential Skills Reserve Policy*, Saskatchewan Polytechnic is approved to draw **\$1,322,000** from Essential Skills Program Reserves in 2026-27 for a total of **\$7,865,000** to support Essential Skills programs.

Capital Transfers

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$1,269,000** in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding for Sask Polytech.

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$4,583,000** (excluding PST) for expansion of the following programs as part of the *Health Human Resources Action Plan*.

Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT), Medical Radiologic Technician (MRT) and Respiratory Therapy (RT) Programs	Main and Parkway Building renovations as per Strategic Prairie Region Alliance's Option CR1. Funding supports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completing MLT and MRT design;• Completing RT construction; and• RT equipment costs for the original 20 seats and new 5 seats.	\$ 2,548,000
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Started 2024-25)	Final year funding to complete construction of high-fidelity rooms, and the purchase of equipment, including Nursing Anne Simulators	1,471,000
Medical Radiologic Technology (Started 2025-26)	Complete renovations for two hyperflex classrooms and upgrade an existing x-ray suite	564,000
Total Health Human Resources Action Plan Funding		\$ 4,583,000

The 2026-27 Budget also includes:

- **\$10,000,000** (excluding PST) to continue procurement and design for the new Skilled Trades and Technology building for the Joseph A. Remai Saskatoon Campus. In accordance with the Financial Contribution Memorandum of Understanding, executed on May 29, 2024, funds from the Sask Polytech fundraising campaign and other sources are to be used in priority to Government of Saskatchewan funding.

- **\$2,168,000** (excluding PST) one-time funding for Phase 2 of the Industrial Mechanic (Millwright), Welder, Fitter and Machinist expansion to expand skilled trades training facilities at the Regina Campus.

Institutions are required to complete quarterly capital project reports. The Ministry of Advanced Education has provided revised templates, guidelines, and deadlines to enhance the reporting process. Any proposed changes to the use of capital funds must be approved by the ministry to ensure consistency with the original project objectives and government priorities.

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
Innovation	\$ 275,600	\$ 275,600
Opportunity	217,700	217,700
International Education	34,200	34,200
Total	\$ 527,500	\$ 527,500

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**.