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Minister of Advanced Education

Legislative Building
Regina, Canada S4S 0B3

March 18, 2026

Michelle Blackmon, Chair
Board of Governors
St. Thomas More College
1437 College Drive
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Dear Michelle Blackmon:

Saskatchewan's 2026-27 Budget will protect the stability of our post-secondary sector with ongoing predictable investments. Ministry of Advanced Education funding 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 \$7,322,000 in St. Thomas More College 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*, St. Thomas More College 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.

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 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 from the Ministry of Advanced Education.

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 July 15, 2026.

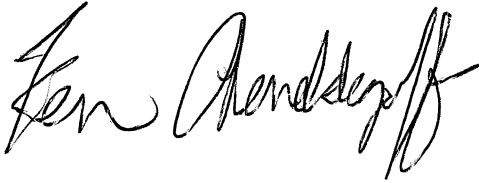
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Saskatchewan's future prosperity and success depend on an educated population and a skilled, innovative workforce. We appreciate St. Thomas More College's role in helping us meet the goals in *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan* and look forward to our continued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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Cheveldayoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ken" being particularly prominent.

Ken Cheveldayoff
Minister of Advanced Education

Attachments

cc: Dr. Carl Still, President, St. Thomas More College
Derrin Raffey, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration,
St. Thomas More College
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
St. Thomas More College

Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

| | | 2026-27 Funding | 2025-26 Funding |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Operating</u> | | | |
| | Prior Year Base Operating Grant | \$ 6,877,600 | |
| | 1% Increase (2025-26) | 69,000 | |
| | Subtotal | \$ 6,946,600 | |
| | MYF MOU* 3% Increase | 208,400 | |
| | Base Operating Grant | \$ 7,155,000 | \$ 6,877,600 |
| | 1% Increase (2025-26) | — | 69,000 |
| | Total Operating | \$ 7,155,000 | \$ 6,946,600 |
| <u>Capital Transfers</u> | | | |
| | Preventative Maintenance and Renewal | 167,000 | 167,000 |
| | Total Capital Transfers | \$ 167,000 | \$ 167,000 |
| Total Funding | | \$ 7,322,000 | \$ 7,113,600 |

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

APPENDIX 2
Funding Details
St. Thomas More College

Operating

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$7,155,000** in total operating funding for St. Thomas More College. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$69,000 (1%) to the base grant and a \$208,400 increase in 2026-27.

Capital Transfers

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$167,000** in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding for St. Thomas More College.

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.