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March 20, 2024

Greg Swanson, Chair Board of Regents Luther College University of Regina 3737 Wascana Parkway REGINA SK S4S 0A2

Dear Greg Swanson:

Saskatchewan's 2024-25 Budget provides record investments in our province's present and future, with a focus on education, health care, and the well-being of our communities. Our rapidly growing economy is attracting more people and creating more jobs, and our strong and innovative post-secondary sector is essential in supporting that growth. *Building the Workforce for a Growing Economy: The Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy*, announced earlier this month, underscores our commitment to supporting a thriving, talented workforce.

This budget year marks the conclusion of the four-year multi-year funding agreement. Our government's multi-year funding commitment and your dedicated planning and improvement efforts have ensured that Saskatchewan's post-secondary sector remains financially sustainable and aligned with the priorities of Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for the Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030.

As we begin the collective work to establish a new agreement, we appreciate the discussions this past year regarding the importance of stable, predictable funding, as well as the growing pressure on budgets and financial sustainability efforts. We heard your concerns and are very pleased to provide a 2.2 per cent one-time increase to your 2024-25 operating grant. This positive adjustment to your funding will be reflected in an amendment to the current multi-year funding agreement. We appreciate your commitment to reporting on the progress and impact of your efforts and look forward to ongoing collaboration on the development of a new multi-year funding agreement.

The 2024-25 Budget tabled today includes \$4,298,100 for Luther College for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. The attached appendices (Appendix 1 – Detailed Schedule of Funding, and Appendix 2 – Funding Details) provide additional details about government's investment and its intended uses.

Budget investments in training are aligned to ensure Saskatchewan's labour force can keep pace with the opportunities created by industry. The Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy will provide a blueprint for post-secondary institutions and industry to prioritize investments in programs, services and initiatives that connect people to jobs, recognize skills and address labour needs for emerging sectors.

Ministry officials will be in contact with representatives at your institution to discuss the following 2024-25 accountability requirements and due dates:

- Agreement to Submit Required Multi-Year Funding Reporting due April 15, 2024
   (as per Eligibility Criteria 1 in the Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding);
- Multi-Year Funding Accountability Reports due June 28, 2024, and January 31, 2025 (as per Eligibility Criteria 2 and 3 in the MOU);
- Revenue and Expenditure Reports due June 28, 2024; and
- Performance Framework Report due June 28, 2024.

We appreciate the contributions from your institution as we work together to ensure a bright future for Saskatchewan, by providing our residents with the high-quality education and training they need and deserve.

Sincerely,

Gordon S. Wyant, K.C.

Minister of Advanced Education

#### Attachments

cc: Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry, President, Luther College Raymond Arscott, Director of Finance, Luther College Rebecca Carter, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

# APPENDIX 1 Detailed Schedule of Funding Luther College

### Funding Schedule April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

			2024-25 Funding		2023-24 Funding
Ope	erating Funding				
	Base Operating Grant 2.2% Increase (one-time)	\$	3,688,100 82,000	\$	3,688,100 —
	Total Operating Funding as per MYF MOU*	\$	3,770,100	\$	3,688,100
Capital Funding					
	Preventative Maintenance and Renewal		528,000		198,000
	Total Capital Funding	\$	528,000	\$	198,000

Total Funding	\$ 4,298,100 \$ 3,886,100
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<sup>\*</sup> MYF MOU = Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2021-22 to 2024-25 Amendment

## APPENDIX 2 Funding Details Luther College

### **Capital Funding**

The 2024-25 Budget includes **\$528,000** in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding for Luther College. The base allocation plus any individual projects that have received approval and funding are shown below.

Base Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Allocation	\$ 88,000
Replace five leaking roofs on Luther Campus buildings	250,000
Funding to address fire inspection deficiencies including fire door upgrades and glazing in New Academic Building	120,000
Correct Luther link foundation	70,000
Total Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding	\$ 528,000

The Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement will work with post-secondary institutions on required reporting, including provision of reporting templates.