

**ELECTORS' MEETING, REGINA PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION
FEBRUARY 28 2018
MOTION: EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

Whereas anti-Indigenous racism is part of the history of Saskatchewan and remains prevalent today, embedded in every aspect of life in our province: justice, child welfare, education, income, employment, elected representation, even life expectancy;

And whereas systemic racism constitutes a huge barrier for Indigenous peoples and is also a significant barrier to truth and reconciliation;

And whereas Senator Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, stated: "It is precisely because education was the primary tool of oppression of Aboriginal people, and miseducation of all Canadians, that we have concluded that education holds the key to reconciliation";

And whereas the materials available on the Regina Board of Education (RBE) website for parents and School Community Councils (SCC) contains no information related to the history of residential schools, Treaties, the TRC's Calls to Action, and anti-Indigenous racism, or any other resources that encourage growth, understanding, and healing within our school community;

And whereas the RBE has not followed through on requests from the Davin School Community Council and its Trustee, Adam Hicks, to hold a community public education event related specifically to Nicholas Flood Davin's life and his pivotal role in creating the residential school system and, more generally, to truth and reconciliation;

Therefore be it resolved that the RBE annually provide, to parent members of each SCC, appropriate education related to the history of Indigenous peoples, Treaties, the impact of the residential school system, and ongoing discrimination experienced by Indigenous peoples, and that the RBE be supportive of requests from SCCs for school-based community education events that support truth and genuine reconciliation.