

SUPPORT FOR ELECTORS

WHEREAS you cannot have a board of education without the electors who elect them;

AND WHEREAS the justification for the continuing existence of school boards is tied to evidence that they directly represent local voters in concrete ways, such as annual electors' meeting;

AND WHEREAS electors' rights to a voice in decision-making were largely expunged and downgraded under the Education Act in 2017, including moving public involvement in school reviews from the Act to Regulations and deleting Electors' Annual Meetings altogether from both the Act and Regulations;

AND WHEREAS the loss of individual electors' rights is directly proportional to the increase of ministerial power to override local decision-making;

AND WHEREAS electors and the trustees they place in office must support one another in the name of preserving local democracy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regina Board of Education will restore the practice of holding an Annual Electors' Meeting according to past practice, preserving the right of taxpaying residents to freely ask questions of their elected trustees and to propose resolutions for the consideration of all assembled in a public meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regina Board of Education will request the Saskatchewan School Boards Association to issue a statement supporting electors and advocating for a return of electors' lost rights;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Regina Board of Education proactively lobby the provincial government to restore local autonomy under the Education Act, including the restoration and improvement of Electors' rights.