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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Once again, I write to you with significant news.

On April 28, the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association (SCSBA) announced that an appeal of the recent decision in the Theodore court case will be filed on behalf of Christ the Teacher School Division. The decision to appeal has been unanimously endorsed by all eight Catholic school boards in the province.

“The legal team representing Christ the Teacher School Division in this case has carefully reviewed the trial judge’s lengthy decision, and we believe that there are several strong grounds for appeal,” said SCSBA spokesperson, Tom Fortosky. An appeal remains necessary and will proceed as per the SCSBA earlier announcements.

On May 1, Premier Brad Wall announced the Government of Saskatchewan will protect school choice in Saskatchewan by invoking the notwithstanding clause of *The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

In a news release, Premier Wall said., “We wanted to announce this now to provide clarity and provide parents with the assurance that they will be able to continue to choose the kind of school they want their children to attend.”

This is very good news for you as parents as it removes the uncertainty some of you were feeling after the April 20 ruling in the Theodore case. Know that things will continue as usual within our division for the foreseeable future. We will continue to provide the highest quality Catholic education in partnership with our families, church and community for anyone who chooses that for their children. We are proud of the education our Catholic schools provide, and we believe Catholic education matters!

I remind you to let your elected officials (the Minister of Education Don Morgan, Premier Brad Wall, and Leader of the NDP Trent Wotherspoon) know you will continue to advocate for and endorse the government's actions to support parental choice in education.

You can email a prepared letter at http://www.catholicspirit.ca/?page_id=30.

For more information please [Read the Government of Saskatchewan’s news release, and/or Read the SCSBA news release announcing the appeal.](#)

If you would like to read these documents and do not have access to a computer, please ask your local school for copies.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

In Christ,
George Bolduc
Board of Education Chair
Prince Albert Roman Catholic Separate School Division #6