

May 1, 2017

J. Michael Shires, President Saskatchewan Library Association (<u>Michael Shires@uregina.ca</u>)

Dear Mr. Shires:

Thank you for writing on behalf of the Saskatchewan Library Association, to express your support for the programs and services provided by Saskatchewan public libraries.

On April 20, 2017, I asked the Honourable Don Morgan, Q.C., Minister of Education, to work with our public libraries and review the library funding levels in the 2017-2018 Provincial Budget. Our government has made the decision to restore funding for Saskatchewan libraries to 100 per cent of the 2016-2017 levels.

When we formed government, I said that we would be the kind of government that would admit our mistakes, and then work to address them. The reduction to library funding without giving libraries any tools to meet the new challenge was one of these mistakes.

Our libraries are an important service in our province and communities that provide many vital services, including our one province - one library card program. This funding ensures that these services will continue.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Brad Wall Premier

cc Honourable Don Morgan, Q.C. Minister of Education

