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Mr. Steve McLellan
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Dear Mr. McLellan:

Thank you for your letter regarding the endorsement of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission's (SHRC) citizenship education resources.

The Government of Saskatchewan values the Citizenship Education Project. This initiative helps support the development of Saskatchewan's three broad areas of learning, which have been established for students to develop throughout the course of their PreK-12 schooling career: sense of self, community and place; lifelong learners; and engaged citizens.

The Ministry of Education has provided in-kind support via the teacher development group and the advisory committee for the SHRC citizenship education resources. The resources were created to support Saskatchewan's K-9 social studies curricula and in secondary level social sciences curricula. The ministry also provided funding for the first three years of the SHRC five-year plan for citizenship education and in-kind support and funding for the French translation and adaptation of the resources.

In 2016, Legislative Secretary Lisa Lambert held consultations with representatives of the education sector and interest groups regarding the future of curriculum development in Saskatchewan. During these consultations, participants identified many topics that should be part of renewed curricula, including the topic of citizenship education. As a result of these sessions, the ministry will establish a Curriculum Advisory Committee, to advise on the future direction for Saskatchewan curriculum development and renewal.

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A reference committee for the renewal of secondary level social sciences curricula is also being established. The Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission has been invited to appoint a representative to this committee.

Once again, I thank you for writing and for being an advocate for the needs of all students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal flourish.

Don Morgan, Q.C.
Minster of Education