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TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
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SUBJECT: Saskatchewan Premier to Block Court Decision re: Non-Catholic Student Funding at Catholic Schools

Recent news headlines have focused on a decision by the Saskatchewan Premier, Brad Wall to invoke the notwithstanding clause in order to block a judge's decision that would ban funding for non-Catholic students in Catholic schools. The April 20, 2017 court decision stems from a lawsuit dating back to 2003 that was launched by the Good Spirit Public School Division against St. Theodore Roman Catholic School in Theodore, Saskatchewan.

OCSTA is pleased with the Premier's decision as the outcome will clearly be in the best interests of students and families in Saskatchewan.

OCSTA continues to follow this case closely and will keep OCSTA members updated on any developments.

For your reference, related news clippings are enclosed.