



MORE STUDENTS AND LESS FUNDING:

PUBLIC EDUCATION IN SASKATCHEWAN

- 2022-23 saw the largest student enrolment growth in 20 years with close to 4,000 more students, yet a decrease of 145 FTE teachers.
- 38% more students need intensive supports, yet there are fewer professional supports (e.g., a 13% reduction in psychologists over the past decade).
- Teachers are behind in salary by 8.5% as of today, assuming inflation stays at 0%.
- Saskatchewan has gone from 1st place in per student funding to 8th place.*
- Underfunding public education is a **political choice**, not an economic one.

The Government of Saskatchewan has a \$500 million surplus, led the nation in economic growth in 2022 and is expected to again in 2023.

- Each year, the Government of Saskatchewan invests a smaller portion of the provincial budget into public education despite population and enrolment growth.

In 2018-19, funding for K-12 operations was over 13% of the total budget. In 2023-24, it had dropped to just 11%.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Advocacy can be as simple as raising awareness with people in your community. As a teacher, you're in a unique position to talk about the realities of publicly funded education in Saskatchewan. Share your experiences with friends, family and neighbours.

- **Share lived experiences.** These can be your own or those of a colleague. You can protect anonymity by saying "I heard from a colleague ...," or "I know of a student ..."
- **Invite others to consider how their child's school experience compares with their own.** Ask how many students are in their child's class; how long waitlists for assessments or specialized, professional supports are; how many grades are in multi-graded classrooms; or if their child's class has been evacuated due to a safety concern.
- **Relate to one another.** Like everyone, teachers are struggling to keep up financially with rising costs. Saskatchewan's inflation exceeded teacher salary increases by a total of 8.5% from 2017 to 2022.
- **Share a video.** The Federation's new commercial, *Obstacles*, and several others are available on the STF's YouTube Channel.
- **Encourage people to sign up at [TellThemTuesday.com](https://www.tellthemtuesday.com)** to learn more and access easy ways to advocate.



For more statistics and facts, visit the [Advocacy web page](#) on the STF website.



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