

# EDUCATION SECTOR

## SGE-You News

### GREETINGS FROM YOUR EDUCATION SECTOR VP

Brothers and Sisters,

At the close of this academic year, we have four sector units bargaining new collective agreements. This includes the Gabriel Dumont Institute, Northlands College, all the Regional Colleges, and the Professional Services Bargaining Unit at Saskatchewan Polytechnic. As we start our summer vacations we need to keep in mind that this time off is a negotiated right, and that we may be called on to defend these and other collective agreement rights.

The Saskatchewan Party government's directive to reduce total compensation for all public sector workers by 3.5% includes our workplaces. Your bargaining committees are taking a strong stand to resist this directive during bargaining. Members can help by participating in solidarity activities in order to send a message to our employers that we will not accept pay cuts and takeaways—and we support our bargaining team. A strong united stand is the only way to ensure that management and the government get this message. This month we ask that you participate in the social media selfie challenge described below.

Why say no to a 3.5% cut? [Government financial mismanagement](#) is the cause of our current budget deficit— not the frontline workers who provide quality public services and perform important functions in our educational institutions. So why are we expected to pay to fix it?

I hope you have a safe and relaxing vacation break—and remember to attend any rallies or demonstrations in your area that will send the message to our government that cuts to the public sector and public services are not acceptable.

Shawna North, Education Sector VP



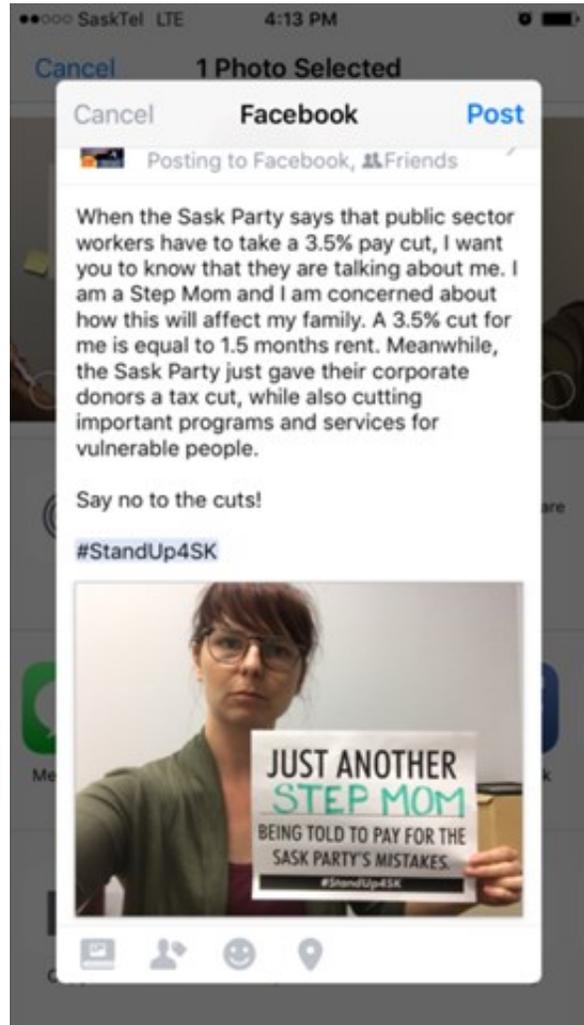
**SOCIAL MEDIA SELFIE CHALLENGE**

Print off the attached sign and write your message in it. Hold it up and take a selfie with your sign and then share it on social media. Remember to tell your story—how would you be affected by a 3.5% cut? [How much money is that](#) in your budget? What would this mean for your family? How do you feel about being told to take a pay cut to [fix the Sask. Party’s mistakes](#)? Tell your story in the description of the photo, and remember to use the hashtag #StandUp4SK.

When making your sign, use big markers that are bright. It can be tricky fitting all the letters in. You can write in your job title or more generally your sector of work, or whichever way you identify at that moment:



Sharing on Facebook. This is the part where you can tell your story and how it will affect you:



**EDUCATION SECTOR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE AUG. 31**

The deadline for the Education Sector scholarships and bursaries is August 31, 2017. Please take a look at the application forms to see if you or your family members qualify.

- o [Education Sector Scholarship Application Form](#)
- o [Anand Vaid Memorial Bursary Application Form](#)
- o [Tracey Kurtenbach Memorial Bursary Application Form](#)

## NORTEP CLOSES DOORS

Summer is here, and now the Northern Teacher Education Program/ Northern Professional Access College (NORTEP/NORPAC) has closed its doors forever.

NORTEP/NORPAC has been in existence for over 40 years and has served Métis, Cree, Dene and non-Aboriginal people throughout its existence. The intent of the institution was to build bridges between peoples whose common goal was to work together and have a livelihood in the north.

For me, as a former faculty member, I saw an institution that was slowly moving toward the Indigenization of education. It was a very exciting time, as I felt empowered to be contributing to Indigenous people and building a bridge of understanding in the north.

Rather than recreating the colonial ideologies and practices of teacher education, NORTEP/NORPAC began to explore and recreate what an Indigenous teacher is and does. Some faculty members began to think critically about the roles of our teachers in northern Saskatchewan and how are we affecting the students.

We began to shape the role of the teacher as someone who engages in social justice and thinks of themselves as change agents. I believe by shutting down NORTEP/ NORPAC, the government intentionally shut down the institution that was creating this new kind of teacher—the teacher that questions and challenges the ideologies of the status quo.

I found SGEU to be an ally to Indigenous education and that SGEU values social justice – as did NORTEP/NORPAC. The dialogue that was shared at the education sector meetings, and at provincial and national conventions, was consistent with the tenets of social justice.

My only wish is the NORTEP/NORPAC joined SGEU decades ago—perhaps this would have been a game changer to current events.

Cal Chiefcalf , NORTEP/NORPAC Chair

## BREAD AND ROSES



At SGEU Convention 2017, Lisa Cadieux de Larios from Parkland College (left) and Wanda Weber from Northwest College (right) received Bread and Roses awards for their outstanding efforts in keeping our union strong! Congratulations!



## 50 YEARS OF NURSING EDUCATION AT SASK POLYTECH

2017 marks 50 years of quality nursing education for Saskatchewan Polytechnic's School of Nursing. Festivities were held at the Regina and Saskatoon Campuses this spring, with Professional Services employees playing an integral part in the planning and implementation of these events. The events provided an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our current students, graduates, faculty and staff as well as honour the pioneering efforts of our alumni in advancing nursing education, research and scholarly work. The school has also established a legacy trust to fund scholarships, awards and bursaries for future students of the School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing would like to thank SGEU for their financial support of our event, but more importantly, for the support that they provide our Professional Service employees. We could not have planned these momentous events without our Professional Services team!



## REGIONAL COLLEGE BARGAINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTEND TRAINING

Regional Colleges bargaining committee members Marney Robinson, Lynette Gerski, and Brigitte Monteith along with Kathy Mahussier (LRO for Regional Colleges) attended the 35th Annual Labour Arbitration and Policy Conference on June 8 - 9. This was a full two-day event of information sessions and workshops on Confronting Racism, Prying Eyes, Shifting Values, Accommodating Competing Interests, Combating Sexual Harassment, Mental Health Matters and more. The conference was put on by [Lancaster House](#).

## **SHEENA YEW RALLIES FOR SASKATCHEWAN**

Sheena Yew works at the Gabriel Dumont Institute and is pictured here with her daughter Shelbie at the March 8 Rally for Saskatchewan. Way to go, Sheena and



## **SGEU CONVENTION 2017**

Thanks to the following education sector members for attending SGEU Convention 2017 and representing our sector! Special thanks to first-time delegates for taking the plunge, we hope you had a great time getting to know the union better and participating in union democracy.

Bonnie Bond  
Cal Chiefcalf  
Lisa Pedersen  
Chris Isted  
Debbie Stavely  
Janelle Pedersen  
Gerry McLellan  
Brigitte Monteith  
Lynette Gerski  
Wanda Weber  
Shawna North  
Marney Robinson  
Jennifer Hendry  
Sheena Yew



## **NEW: DISCOUNTS ON YOUR SMARTPHONE FOR SGEU MEMBERS**

Save hundreds per year from a variety of businesses when you download the SGEU version of the Endless Savings & More (ESM) App.

Save with everyday discounts from national chain retailers like Staples, The Brick, Mark's, Costco and more when you show the discount offer on your smartphone in store at payment. Save on travel with discounts for hotels, flights, car rentals, attractions including almost all US theme parks, and much more when you book online or by phone.

Also, check the “exclusive offers” for SGEU members to save hundreds per year on your smart phone plan or home insurance. Click [here](#) for details.

## **10,000+ SENIORITY DAY MEMBERS**

We would like to recognize the following union member for having over 10,000 seniority days:

Mattie Ballantyne – Prince Albert Campus  
Lyle Howat – Saskatoon Campus  
Judy Lozinski – Saskatoon Campus  
Colleen McLean – Saskatoon Campus  
Rita Mills – Prince Albert Campus  
Ken Weisgarber – Regina Campus  
Glenda Brock – Regina Campus

## **SGEU PORTAPLAN INSURANCE**

During the period of May 1 – July 31 each year, new members, spouses, and children of eligible members are eligible to apply for one unit of \$20,000 Term Life without any statement of health.

To find more information about the PortaPlan, [click here](#).

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

We are always looking for stories for the newsletter. Stories can be about bargaining (only information that can be public knowledge), new courses, changes in programming, successes, challenges, things other members might want to try in their facility, relevant photos, SGEU scholarships, etc. If your campus has an initiative or event happening we could put that in as well as union information that all members would find useful.

Don't worry about editing or whether the material you have is relevant as the communications department will take care of that for you.

Please forward stories of union interest, pictures, etc. to Brigitte Monteith, Education Sector newsletter coordinator at [brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca](mailto:brigittem@greatplainscollege.ca).

## **EDUCATION SECTOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

Shawna North, Vice-President  
Marney Robinson, Secretary  
Bonnie Bond, Treasurer

## **EDUCATION SECTOR**

Gabriel Dumont Institute  
Northlands College  
NORTEP/NORPAC  
Saskatchewan Polytechnic  
The Board of Education of the Regina School Division #4

Regional Colleges:  
Cumberland College  
Carlton Trail  
Great Plains  
North West  
Southeast  
Parkland

# JUST ANOTHER

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# BEING TOLD TO PAY FOR THE SASK PARTY'S MISTAKES.

**#StandUp4SK**