



April 24, 2017

Dear Parents of children in Holy Trinity Catholic Schools,

You may have heard of the Theodore Case Judgement released Thursday, April 20th that included a judge's decision to stop government funding of non-Catholic students in Catholic schools.

I wish to share a couple of points which may bring clarity to this decision.

First of all, the Saskatchewan Catholic School Boards Association has released a statement shared below:

"We are obviously disappointed with Justice Layh's decision. This greatly affects students and parents in Christ the Teacher School Division in particular, and families throughout the province. We'll take some time to go over the 230-page decision, consult with our lawyers and process what this means for the division, for Catholic education in Saskatchewan and for the all of the families who choose Catholic education. This has already been a 12-year journey instigated by the public boards, and we don't have much of an appetite to spend more on legal defence. However, we have an obligation to stand up for the constitutional rights of separate school divisions, so we are giving serious consideration to an appeal. In the event of an appeal, a final decision would be a long way down the road."

Secondly, Holy Trinity Catholic School Division will continue to work diligently providing quality Catholic education for those who wish to have Catholic education for their child(ren). We do not know the full impact of the judge's decision. In any event, we can assure you of two things: nothing will happen to impact this year or the 2017-2018 school year; and we will keep you apprised of any further developments.

Please contact either your school principal or me if you have any questions or concerns. My direct line is 306.691.2400.

Thank you for your support of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geri Hall".

Geri Hall