SUPPORTS FOR TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN SASKATCHEWAN

The Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation values our partnerships with teacher education programs in Saskatchewan. It is important that teacher candidates have the opportunity to engage with the profession and their professional organization. Federation support to teacher education programs is provided through direct financial grants and through in-kind, high-quality learning experiences. Federation staff are available for presentations, consultations, assistance with issues that arise from student teaching experiences and to support education student societies.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations provided for teacher education programs and associated student societies are complimentary. These include professional learning opportunities facilitated by Federation staff.

The Federation welcomes the opportunity to send a guest speaker or participate as a panelist within any teacher education course. Some of the presentations currently available are listed below and are also available in a workshop format if preferred.

Teacher Professionalism

Through thought-provoking scenarios and discussion, this presentation examines the profession's commitment to high professional standards of conduct and competence. Participants will consider how professionalism exists in and out of the workplace, on social media and through digital communication.

Inclusion and Diversity in a Professional Context

Participants will consider how inclusion impacts the teaching profession. We will explore professionalism with a human rights lens and review the codes and standards as they relate to supporting all students, caregivers and families. There will be an opportunity to set professional goals and reflect on where one lives as an inclusive educator and colleague.

How to Talk About the Tough Stuff

This workshop will enhance participants' communication skills in the high-stakes conversations that teachers have with students, caregivers and colleagues on a regular basis. Participants will have opportunities to practice and model strategies and skills to build confidence with these difficult conversations.

Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments: Dealing with Difficult Situations/Issues

We all strive for a safe and inclusive learning environment. But what do we do when we are facing difficult situations? Learn about the rights and responsibilities regarding safety in the workplace, trends in education and how safe school environment is a shared responsibility. This session will also look at several scenarios and discuss how to address difficult situations in the workplace.

STF 101: What Does Your Federation Do For You?

What does the STF do for me? As an STF member, you have access to many programs and services, including advice and assistance, teacher professionalism, pension, benefits and collective bargaining. Learn about what the STF has to offer and how to make the most of your membership.

How Was I Supposed To Know That? Avoiding Missteps and Misunderstandings in the Teaching Profession

It's important for educators to be aware of the potential pitfalls and challenges that can arise in their profession and to have strategies in place to navigate them. By taking proactive measures, educators can protect themselves and focus on their primary goal of helping their students succeed. In this session, participants will learn about the appropriate policies, procedures and legislation that can assist them in avoiding or responding to misunderstandings and potential problems that may arise in their workplace.

Why Wasn't I Taught That? Truth and Reconciliation and the Building of Right Relations

Identifying and committing to actions focused on Truth and Reconciliation requires foundational understandings in a Saskatchewan context. Through presentation and conversation this session will build a common frame of reference for engaging in Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous Education as a whole.

Leading With Courage: Addressing Microaggressions To Create Stronger and More Inclusive Teams

Teachers will explore the impact of microaggressions on workplace culture, team cohesion and productivity. Through practical scenarios and interactive exercises, you'll learn what microaggressions are, how they manifest and how to recognize and respond to microaggressions to assist you in creating a workplace culture that fosters respect, understanding and belonging for all. Participants will learn strategies that can be used to build capacity among their staffs in addressing and recognizing microaggressions and will have the opportunity to ask questions and share experiences. This session will help one discover the power of leading with courage to effectively build a stronger and more inclusive workplace.

Queer Identity With a Professional Lens

This session will ask the participants to consider how Policy 1.13 (Gender and Sexual Diversity), as well as STF Codes and Standards impact the profession. We will explore what we know or understand about 2SLGBTQIA+ basics and how we might support all queer colleagues, students, caregivers, and families. There will be opportunities for self-reflection around personal ideals and the impact they have on one's view of the world. Participants will set professional goals related to inclusion and diversity and contemplate where one rests as an inclusive educator and colleague.

Bargaining Basics: Standing Up for Your Rights as a Teacher

As a professional, are you feeling devalued, under resourced and June tired in October? You are not alone, even if it may feel like it. Join us for a discussion about bargaining and how it impacts you both personally and professionally.

In Hindsight . . . Pension and Benefit Insights You Should Have Now!

Hindsight is 20/20. Especially when it comes to pension and benefit decisions. Don't wait until it's too late! Get some tips now to make the most of your STF pension and benefits programs.

If You Don't Take Care of Yourself, Who Will? STF Member Support and Benefits

Teachers are givers by nature and do not often think about their own well-being. This interactive session will examine the components of well-being and learn about the many supports available to members that enhance well-being.

Financial Literacy for Teachers

Financial literacy is important in securing your and your family's future, achieving your financial goals and creating wealth to spend in retirement. This session is about helping teachers better understand the complicated world of finance and economics so they can more easily achieve their goals. Topics include:

- Canadian taxation system
- RRSP vs. Tax Free Savings Accounts
- Interest rates and how they work
- Inflation
- Mortgages 101
- Savings and other investment products
- Government-sponsored pension programs (CPP & OAS)
- Tips and Tricks

FIND SOMETHING OF INTEREST?

If you would like to book a professional learning opportunity or presentation for your students or peers, please email stf@stf.sk.ca or call Member Services at (306) 373-1660 or toll free at (800) 667-7762. It is recommended the following information be gathered prior to submitting your request:

- Potential date(s) and time(s)
- Requested length of workshop or presentation
- Location of the workshop or presentation
- Projected audience size
- Purpose or desired outcome
- Name of specific presenter requested, if known

EMMA STEWART RESOURCES CENTRE

Students and faculty in teacher education programs are able to borrow resources from the Federation professional library located in Saskatoon. Resources will be mailed to students and faculty and provided with complimentary return postage. With a collection of over 38,000 books and audio-visual resources, 75 journals, a selection of teacher-prepared units, plus a friendly and knowledgeable staff, the Centre is able to meet classroom, research, and professional development needs. To find out more about this service, please visit www.stf.sk.ca/professional-resources/stew-art-resources-centre.

STF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

STF Professional Learning provides a variety of provincial workshops throughout the year. Complete descriptions along with dates, times, location and registration fees are provided in the Professional Growth Opportunities catalogue and online at www.stf.sk.ca/professional-resources/events-calendar.

If you have an interest in a particular topic that is not listed the STF Professional Growth Opportunities catalogue, available online at www.stf.sk.ca/resource/professional-growth-opportunities-catalogue, then a customized facilitation may be what you are looking for. Professional learning opportunities are provided by staff from our Professional Learning unit in a multitude of areas and are tailored to a specific audience. Topic areas include: general instruction and assessment, supporting diversity, mathematics, literacy, early learning, physical literacy, instructional leadership, science and technology/e-learning.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH NETWORKS

The Federation supports over 20 professional growth networks established in a variety of subject fields, service areas and interdisciplinary groups. Membership is not limited to teachers and includes any person with a professional interest in the activities of the networks and several networks have special rates for teacher education students. To find out more about the networks, please visit www.stf.sk.ca/ professional-resources/professional-growth-networks.

MEETING SPACES

The Federation is pleased to offer complimentary use of meeting spaces in our facilities to teacher education programs and associated student societies. To book a space, please contact the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.

FUNDING

The Federation has a long history of supporting teacher education programs in the province through the provision of grants, scholarships and other forms of in-kind and advisory support. Each approved teacher education program receives the following two grants:

- A per intern grant of $65 per intern (based on intern numbers in the previous year)
- A flat grant of $3,500

The grants are awarded each fall and arranged through the Managing Director, Member Experiences and Operations.

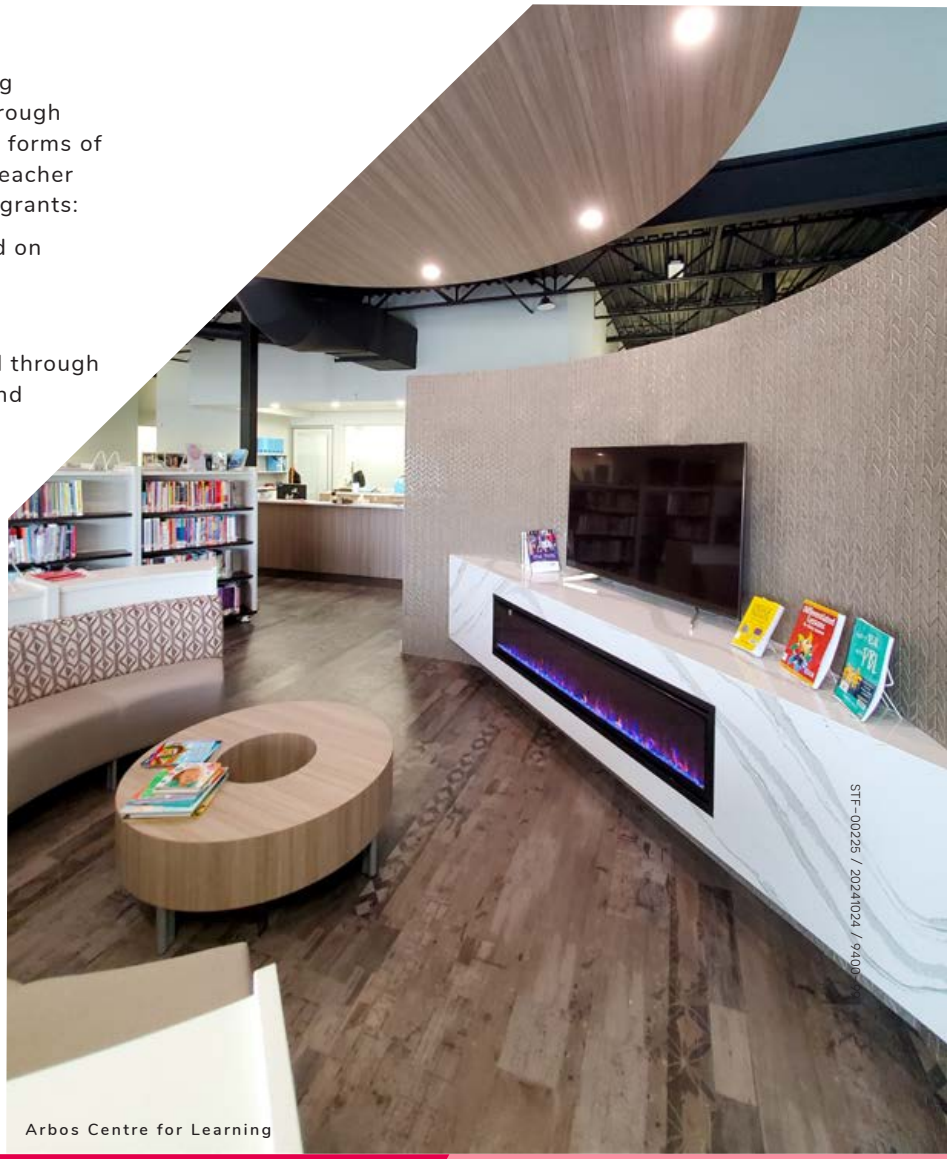
LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Education Student Societies of the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina are recognized as a local association of the Federation. As an association, each ESS sends four of their members as representatives to the Federation Council meetings. Council is the foundational governing body of the Federation.

Federation staff are available to student associations in governance matters.

MEMBER SUPPORT

Students in teacher education programs may contact STF for professional support in regard to their experience in the field. The service is confidential limited to advice and not representation. STF seek to assist in a timely manner and offer support to help resolve issues and encourage respectful relationships.



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