

## Saskatchewan ACL Calls for Change in Legislation



SACL President Laurie Larson has called on the Government of Saskatchewan to stop proclamation of Section 178 of Bill 29, the revised Education Act. The new section 178 gives schools the power to determine what “reasonable accommodation” looks like, and then to segregate students who need “behaviour or medical support”, who interfere with the education of other students, or for whom supports are deemed too expensive.

Here is the link to the Bill: [www.legassembly.sk.ca/bills/PDFs/Bill-29.pdf](http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/bills/PDFs/Bill-29.pdf)

Ms. Larson says; “Instead of focusing on the rights of all children to a quality, inclusive education, these changes focus on the rights of the school board.

“As well, the proposed section 178 reinforces the inadequate appeal process that is in place, leaving parents who are dissatisfied no recourse other than legal routes. These changes are regressive and will make the current situation much worse as children will face more exclusion in segregated classrooms and schools.”

The following is the media release that SACL issued on April 30, 2008 as well as letters from CACL and association across the country.

1. [SACL’s Media Release. \(PDF\)](#)
2. [CACL President Bendina Miller’s Letter. \(PDF\)](#)
3. [Inclusion International President Diane Richler’s Letter. \(PDF\)](#)
4. [Alberta ACL letter. \(PDF\)](#)
5. [New Brunswick ACL letter. \(PDF\)](#)
6. [Community living Manitoba Letter. \(PDF\)](#)
7. [British Columbia ACL letter. \(PDF\)](#)
8. [Letter from Tim Stanton, University of British Columbia. \(PDF\)](#)

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