

Regional College looking forward to training review

The Cypress Hills Regional College is looking forward to participating in a review of the province's training system being undertaken by the provincial government.

On Wednesday the province announced a comprehensive review of the province's training system with a focus on ensuring that Saskatchewan's training system is able to meet the growing demands of the provincial economy.

The review will pay particular attention to Saskatchewan's eight Regional Colleges, SIAST and the Apprenticeship Commission.

The purpose of the review is to examine the future labour market needs of Saskatchewan and determine how various organizations in the training system can be best positioned to respond.

"This Training System Review presents an opportunity for the residents and employers of Southwest Saskatchewan to put forward their ideas about how we could strengthen the regional college system to better serve the needs of our communities," said Mark Frison, President and CEO, Cypress Hills Regional College.

The review will be conducted by a three member panel and is expected to take place over a six month time period. The college will be engaging stakeholders to ensure that the review panel hears ideas from the Southwest region.

"It is important that we help the review panel to appreciate the particular opportunities and challenges we face in this part of the province and the corresponding tools, resources and flexibility that are required to meet the needs of our learners, employers and communities," Frison said.

Recent reports show that Saskatchewan's economy is growing faster than the supply of skilled workers in the labour market.

"As a 'have' province that is seeing significant growth in our jobs and our economy, we need to ensure that Saskatchewan students and youth will be able to take full advantage of the opportunities this growth represents," Learning Minister Andrew Thomson said.

Members of the Training System Panel of Review are: Douglas McArthur, former Minister of Saskatchewan Education; Lorraine Hanson, former Southeast Regional College Board Chair and Paul Dudgeon, former SIAST Board Chair.

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