



## News Release

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### **Minister still won't meet with SFL**

Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour Rob Norris, has rejected another invitation to meet with the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour's Executive Council.

The SFL Executive meets in Saskatoon at the Radisson Hotel on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Minister Norris was invited to the Executive's December 2007 meeting, and turned down that offer as well.

"Our Executive Council brings together 26 labour leaders in the province, representing 37 affiliated unions and 700 locals, as well as eight District Labour Councils. It is a key opportunity for the Minister to dialogue with the representatives of the provinces labour movement. We are perplexed and disappointed that he will not meet with us," said SFL President Larry Hubich.

"Because labour is a key component of the Minister's portfolio, we can offer him the unique and valuable perspective of front-line workers. No one understands workplace issues better than those who deliver the services and work on the shop floor every day. We cannot understand his reluctance to engage with workers," added Hubich.

The SFL Executive Council will spend a good portion of the meeting discussing its campaign against Bills 5 and 6, the government's recently introduced labour legislation.

The SFL represents nearly 95,000 unionized workers from 37 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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