

26. Education Reform: Post-Secondary Education

Whereas tuition rates have slowly been rising over the past 14 years, averaging between 3-5% per annum;

Whereas students faced another 4% tuition increase in 2021-2022;

Whereas a student that requires a student loan will leave their program with an average of \$28,000 in debt;

Whereas programs and access to requisite classes have been scaled back which means that a student may have to wait multiple semesters to take a requisite course in order to graduate;

Be it resolved the SLP expand permanent online options;

Be it further resolved the SLP re-evaluate the need for the influx of administrative staff and other overhead expansion and establish budgetary overhead/academics ratios to create a balance of expenditures;

Be it further resolved the SLP update and modernize the student loans regime, the goal should be graduation and not profit;

Be it further resolved the SLP stabilize tuition increases by legislating the increases cannot exceed yearly inflation;

Be it further resolved the SLP introduce a Student Housing Tax Credit to help them cope with rising housing costs, in addition to the education property tax renter's rebate;

Be it further resolved the SLP increase funding for our Northern communities understanding that location should not be a detriment to quality education at the post-secondary level.

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