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Dear Lyle,

I am writing this letter as President of the Royal Canadian Legion Br #17, Medicine Hat. I have been involved as a judge in the Legion Literary Poster Contest for the past 20 years. This has usually been at the District Level, which involves all of Southern Alberta and then judging at the Provincial level.

Last year I became responsible for the schools in Medicine Hat, both School District #76 and the Catholic Board. This included delivering entry/information packages to each school and then judging the entries. I had no idea until I started recording the entries that only two teachers from SD#76 had submitted any entries in 2015 and these were all at the elementary level. Most of the entries came from Medicine Hat Catholic School District students. I might add there are significant monetary prizes attached to winning in all categories and levels.

I believe that the Legion as the Guardian of Remembrance has a responsibility to ensure that our young people are aware of the sacrifices made by so many veterans over the years and continue to make today as we battle with ISIS in the Middle East. We as a community, in our great country of Canada must never forget the sacrifices made so that we are able to live freely in a democratic country.

To allow this discussion about Remembrance to happen in each classroom in Medicine Hat, we need the support of the School Board, the Administrators, and most importantly the teachers of Medicine Hat in both School Districts. We need teachers to engage their students in discussions about the sacrifices made by our Veterans and the importance of Remembrance. We need teachers to be encouraged to have their students enter this contest that starts locally and if the entry is deemed excellent can go all the way to the National Level. Wonderful up to date teaching materials are available free at legion.ca and from Veterans Affairs Canada for all grade levels.

I am therefore requesting an opportunity to speak to your School Board in an Open Forum at your October meeting so that we can work together to as a community to never forget the sacrifices made by so many for each one of us. "Lest we Forget."

Thank you,


Sheila Donner
President,
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