River East Transcona Teachers' Association
River East Transcona School Division
Guidelines for
Personal Professional Development Fund
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Appendix: Prioritization of Canadian-Based Professional Development Activities
Effective for PD occurring July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

In response to tariffs imposed on Canadian imports by the U.S. government, the PPDF Joint Committee will be limiting access to professional development opportunities in the United States between July 2026 through June 30, 2027. This approach is intended to encourage members to keep our professional development dollars in Canada whenever possible, in support of Canadian educators and providers.

PPDF applicants are asked to find comparative conferences and opportunities for learning in Canada. Applications for Canadian professional learning will continue in accordance with the PPDF Guidelines (July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027). Canadian learning opportunities will be prioritized and thus have a higher likelihood of support.

In cases where comparative learning opportunities cannot be located in Canada, and in cases where the applicant requires this specific type of training in relation to their teaching assignment, applications for U.S.-based professional development may be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Joint PPDF Committee.

The following factors may influence funding decisions:

- Availability of comparable professional development opportunities within Canada.
- Justification for choosing a U.S.-based activity, particularly in relation to its direct relevance to the applicant's current teaching assignment.
- Relevant local, national, or international travel advisories.
- Any additional factors deemed relevant by the committee.

The application process for US requested travel and learning will be adjusted to reflect these additional considerations.

Important Travel Advisory and Funding Limitations:
The Personal Professional Development Fund will not cover costs associated with delays at the Canada U.S. border, including missed flights or forfeited conference fees.

Applicants approved to attend U.S.- based PD must:

- Purchase flight insurance that provides a full monetary refund in the event of border delays that result in missed travel.
- Review and understand cancellation/refund policies for registration and accommodations in case attendance becomes impossible.

This appendix will remain in effect for professional development activities occurring during the 2026-2027 school year and will be reviewed prior to the opening of applications PD for the 2027-2028 school year.