

## MOTION

No. 40

### Increased civic education in Island schools

Karla Bernard gives notice that she will move, seconded by Lynne Lund, the following Motion:

**WHEREAS** in every election, whether voter turnout is high or low, the person elected makes decisions that affect everyone;

**AND WHEREAS** research shows that there is a link between increased political knowledge and interest in voting;

**AND WHEREAS** The goal of civic education in the public school system is to give young people the knowledge, understanding, interest and skills they need to decide how they want to participate in democracy;

**AND WHEREAS** Elections Canada recently developed new civic education resources for secondary students, tailored to today's curricula and teaching methods;

**AND WHEREAS** Teachers can access these resources online or order them for free. The new lessons are inquiry-based, designed around activities that spark students' reflection and discussion. They have been designed to promote student-centred learning with rich content, such as maps and videos, combined with hands-on, interactive learning;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly urge government to adopt Election Canada's civic education program for all secondary students on PEI.

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Signed by: Lynne Lund

Date: April 20, 2021