

**2019.01 In-School Dental Screening for Children in Alberta in Grades K-12**

**Whereas**, dental health is associated with an individual's overall health; and a quarter of Alberta's children under the age of 18 years do not receive regular dental care; and

**Whereas**, early screening of dental-related concerns results in better health outcomes for children; and

**Whereas**, other screening and health-related programs exist in Alberta schools; therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that Alberta Mackenzie Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada in its 72<sup>nd</sup> annual convention assembles urge the provincial government of Alberta to include annual universal dental screening in all Alberta schools, Grades K – 12.

**Motion 2019.20 Moved by** Mary Molloy **THAT** Resolution 2019.01 In-School Dental Screening for Children in Alberta Grades K-12 be approved. **Seconded by** Susan Casey. **Carried.**

**Action Plan: In-school Dental Screening for Children in Alberta Grades K-12**

1. Members of the Catholic Women's League are urged to write letters to Alberta's Premier, Alberta's Health Minister, Alberta's Minister of Education and local MLAs requesting that annual universal dental screenings be immediately implemented in all Alberta schools.

In particular, to request dental screenings for all school-aged children from grades K-12 in the Province of Alberta, and that the cost of any therapeutic dental care required as a result of an in-school dental referral be paid for by Alberta Health for those school-aged children without any other form of dental coverage.

2. Each council hold a speaker presentation on the importance of good oral health and dental care for all individuals, including the most vulnerable.

3. Every CWL member to practice good oral health and hygiene practices and encourage members of you family to see a dentist for a check-up regularly.

4. Each council monitor the provincials government's response to the request contained in the resolution.