



Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division

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Board Highlights

April 3rd, 2023

Provincial Budget is Not Good News for SRPSD

CFO Jerrold Pidborochynski walked the Board through an overview of the 23/24 education budget. He explained that the \$49.4M or 2.5% operating grant increase announced in the provincial budget includes some funding adjustments that have already been made, therefore, the real impact of this budget compared to 2022-23 actual revenues is considerably less. Of the \$49.4M: \$20.0M was announced in July 2022 for last year's inflationary increases and is included in school divisions' 2022-23 Ministry approved budgets. \$15.5M was provided in December 2022 for September 30 enrollment increases that exceeded projections by 3,840 students province wide. The remaining \$13.9M is for enrollment increases in the province and amounts to a real increase of 0.7% in 2023-24. This funding increase falls short of status quo requirements considering support staff collective agreements, teacher salary increments and local agreement costs, statutory benefit increases and other payroll related costs, fuel, insurance and utility increases as well as other general inflation, unprecedented enrollment growth and continuing need for specialized programming to meet student needs. The Board recognizes that this shortfall will impact SRPSD and has begun plans to balance an already tight budget.

Facilities Master Plan

The Board approved the 2023/24 Facilities Master Plan report as presented by AODBT Architecture and Design in a meeting on March 27th. This plan was created with the intent of evaluating existing SRPSD facilities with respect to their ability to support 21st Century Learning. This included providing recommendations for existing facilities to better support educational goals and adaptability to future change. With a number of the facilities being built in the 1960s, a number of programmatic upgrades were recommended to support students and teaching staff. Educational program delivery models continue to adapt to changing needs, and the Board wants to be proactive to ensure our facilities should be able to do the same.

Education Services Agreement

After many positive discussions, the Board is pleased to approve an agreement with the East Central First Nation Education Authority which will mutually serve student and system needs. The initial agreement began with guidance from the SSBA, INS and with much discussion between Saskatchewan Rivers School Division, East Central First Nations Education Authority, and North East School Division an agreement was developed that has the potential to open doors for all of our students.

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