



Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2009-2010

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday February 17, 2009, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2009-2010 school year Operating Fund Budget totalling \$46,386,905 and a Capital Fund Budget totalling \$395,135. The Budget that was approved took advantage of the Government's Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) in the amount of \$1,476,977 that assisted the Division in maintaining the 2009 special levy mill rate at the 2008 level. Therefore, there will be a **zero percent tax increase** for the Lord Selkirk School Division rate payer and the **mill rate for 2009 will remain at the current 21.93 mills**.

The Board began the budget process with a Special Budget Forum held November 25, 2008, to discuss the issues that divisional staff and the public felt were important for the Board to address during their budget deliberations.

Highlights of Budget 2009-2010 include:

- Maintaining staffing levels and adding:
 - 1.0 FTE Information Technology Technician
 - 1.0 FTE Home/School Liaison (Robert Smith, Selkirk Jr. High, Ruth Hooker)
 - .5 FTE Workplace Safety & Health Officer
 - .3 FTE Substitute EA Booking Clerk
- Continued support to upgrade school facilities and parking lots.
- Expanded support for TALL technology equipment into grades 8 and 9.
- Continued support for upgrading of wide area network.
- Additional funding for extra-curricular trips.
- Support to cover the following one-time expenditures:
 - Clock and public address system replacement – LSRCS
 - Upper gym bleachers – LSRCS
 - Locker replacement – Lockport School
 - Vocational equipment upgrade – LSRCS
 - Music instruments and materials for K-12
 - Sound system – Ruth Hooker School gymnasium.