



## Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2012-2013

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday March 6, 2012, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2012-2013 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$51,237,855 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$390,329. The budget represents a 4.6% increase in expenditures.

For Budget 2012-2013, the Division received a 0% increase in operating revenue through the 2012-2013 Funding of Schools Program. In addition, the Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) has been frozen at the 2011 calendar year amount.

By combining the 0% funding increase and other revenue sources, the Division's mill rate for 2012 will be set at 13.56. This represents a mill rate decrease of .73 mills to the ratepayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division. However, with 2012 being a reassessment year, properties within the Lord Selkirk School Division experienced an average increase of 12.7% in assessed value. The impact on taxes paid by individual property owners will depend upon the relative increase in value of their property when compared to the average.

Highlights of Budget 2012-2013 include:

- Support for additional staffing initiatives including:
  - 2.0 FTE Elementary School Counselors
  - 1.0 FTE Divisional Reading Clinician
  - 1.0 FTE Intervention/At-Risk Teacher at Ecole Selkirk Junior High
  - .5 FTE Vice Principal at Happy Thought School
  - .5 FTE Performing Arts Teacher at Lord Selkirk Regional School
  - 3.0 FTE Divisional IT Technicians.
- Support for pre-school entry programs.
- Support for technology initiatives including:
  - School technology upgrades/refresh
  - Wireless access upgrades
  - Digital projection installations at junior highs/high school.
- Support to cover the following one-time expenditures:
  - Enhanced Library Software in all schools
  - Musical Instruments
  - Risers for Performing Arts events.
- Support for school playground equipment.
- Continued support to upgrade school facilities and parking lots.