



## Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2014-2015

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday March 4, 2014, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2014-2015 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$54,564,177 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$485,035. The budget represents a 3.1% increase in expenditures.

For Budget 2014-2015, the Division received a 0% increase in operating revenue through the 2014-2015 Funding of Schools Program.

By combining the 0% funding increase and other revenue sources, the Division's mill rate for 2014 will be set at 14.16. This represents a mill rate decrease of .31 mills to the ratepayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

Outside of the Funding of Schools Program, the Division will continue to receive \$182,595 to assist with the Kindergarten to Grade 3 Class Size Initiative (20K3). No additional 20K3 funding was allocated for 2014-2015.

Total **Professional Staff** positions for the 2014-2015 Budget is 347.6 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs). This is a reduction of .50 FTE positions from the 2013-2014 Budget.

Total **Support Staff** positions for the 2014-2015 Budget reflect an increase of 2.675 FTE positions from the 2013-2014 Budget.

Highlights of Budget 2014-2015 include:

- Support for professional development:
  - Continued funding to support divisional Universal Design for Learning (UDL) implementation.
  - Funding to support Literacy with Information and Communication Technology (LwICT).
- Support for technology initiatives including:
  - Optical Fibre Link to Lockport School.
  - School technology upgrades.
- Continued support to upgrade school facilities including:
  - Pool/Gymnasium change rooms and main floor washrooms at Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School.
  - Playground/Outdoor upgrades at Daerwood School and Ecole Selkirk Junior High.
  - New Gymnasium Floor at Walter Whyte School
  - Renovations to the Lord Selkirk Education Centre (former Red River North Regional Library).
  - New Hallway/Gymnasium Link at Ecole Bonaventure.

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