



## Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2016-2017

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday March 1, 2016, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2016-2017 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$58,285,042 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$483,193. The budget represents a 3.87% increase in expenditures.

For Budget 2016-2017, the Division received a 0% increase in operating revenue through the 2016-2017 Funding of Schools Program. This marks the fifth consecutive year of a 0% increase from the Province.

By combining the 0% funding increase and other revenue sources, the Division's mill rate for 2016 will be set at 13.82. This represents a mill rate decrease of .98 mills to the ratepayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

An allocation of \$200,000 from Accumulated Surplus was made in order to support budgeted expenditures.

Outside of the Funding of Schools Program, the Division will continue to receive \$182,595 to assist with the Smaller Classes Initiative (K-3). No additional funding was allocated for 2016-2017. The Division will also receive \$62,500 to support a career development coordinator position.

Total **Professional Staff** positions for the 2016-2017 Budget is 355.10 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs). This is an increase of 1.75 FTE positions from the 2015-2016 Budget.

Total **Managerial and Support Staff** positions for the 2016-2017 Budget reflect a decrease of 2.0 FTE positions from the 2015-2016 Budget.

Highlights of Budget 2016-2017 include:

- Support for additional staffing initiatives including:
  - Additional time for Educational Assistants to participate in school-planning.
  - Lead Teacher for Cultural Proficiency position to be supported by Manitoba Education categorical grant funding.
  - Career Development/Dual Credit Coordinator position to be supported by special Manitoba Education funding.
  - Restructuring of the Senior Administration Team to support effective and sustainable leadership.
  
- Support for technology initiatives including:
  - Upgrade of division wireless infrastructure in all buildings.
  - Major upgrade and replacement of servers, storage and network switching in the division data centre.
  
- Continued support to upgrade school facilities including:
  - Vocational lab stations.
  - Power Smart energy efficient initiatives.
  - Playground/Outdoor equipment.
  - School furnishings and equipment.

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