



Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2011-2012

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday March 1, 2011 the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2011-2012 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$48,981,890 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$488,780. In this approved budget, the Board accepted the 2011 Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) in the amount of \$2,692,903.

The Division received a guaranteed 2.2% increase in operating revenue through the 2011-2012 Funding of Schools Program.

By combining the 2.2% funding increase, the Tax Incentive Grant and other revenue sources, the Division's mill rate for 2011 will remain at 14.29. **This represents a zero mill rate increase to the ratepayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.** This is the fourth consecutive year the Division has taken advantage of the TIG to maintain a zero percent increase in school taxes.

Highlights of Budget 2011-2012 include:

- Support for additional staffing initiatives including:
 - 1.0 FTE Teacher for the Aboriginal Student Center at Lord Selkirk Regional School
 - .5 FTE Teacher to support a full-time Kindergarten pilot for catchment area students of Robert Smith School
 - .5 FTE Teacher to support a full-time Physical Education position at Mapleton School
- Support for technology initiatives including:
 - Wireless access upgrades
 - Lead Teacher instructional technology equipment
 - Division Network Storage and Software
- Support to cover the following one-time expenditures:
 - Elementary Smart Boards
 - School Libraries support
- Increased support for professional development.
- Support for school playground equipment.
- Continued support to upgrade school facilities and parking lots.