



Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2013-2014

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday March 5, 2013, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2013-2014 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$53,022,255 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$492,250. The budget represents a 3.5% increase in expenditures.

For Budget 2013-2014, the Division received a 0% increase in operating revenue through the 2013-2014 Funding of Schools Program. In addition, the Tax Incentive Grant (TIG) has been eliminated.

By combining the 0% funding increase and other revenue sources, the Division's mill rate for 2013 will be set at 14.47. This represents a mill rate increase of .91 mills to the ratepayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

Outside of the Funding of Schools Program, the Division will receive \$182,525 to assist with the Kindergarten to Grade 3 Class Size Initiative (20K3).

Highlights of Budget 2013-2014 include:

- Support for additional staffing initiatives including:
 - 3.0 FTE Elementary School Counselors
 - 1.0 FTE HVAC Technician.
- Support for Professional Development:
 - Funding to support divisional Universal Design for Learning (UDL) implementation.
- Support for technology initiatives including:
 - Student Services software
 - School technology upgrades
 - Back-up generator to ensure business continuity.
- Continued support to upgrade school facilities and parking lots.