



## Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2018-2019

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2018-2019 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$58,604,418 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$373,446. The budget represents a 0.033% increase in expenditures.

The Board of Trustees was very mindful of the budgetary impact on local taxation, and worked diligently to find cost savings, balancing the educational needs of our students with declining enrollment, reduced provincial funding and lower assessment base.

For the second consecutive year, Provincial funding granted to the Division has decreased by 2%.

This property reassessment year results in a decline in assessment of 1.2%; the first decline since 1993.

Provincial funding is one key component of total operational revenue, with the remaining required revenue, approximately 41% of Budget, generated through local property taxation. The Division's mill rate for 2018 will be set at 14.82. This represents a mill rate increase of .5175 mills to the ratepayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

Total **Professional Staff** positions will be 338.25 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE). This is a decrease of 7.75 FTE teaching positions from the 2017-2018 Budget.

Total **Support Staff** positions will reflect a decrease of 2.5 FTE from the 2017-2018 Budget.

As directed by the Minister of Education, Lord Selkirk School Division is in compliance with respect to the special requirement guidelines and administration expenditure cap.

Highlights of Budget 2018-2019 include:

- Increased staffing support for school counselling.
- Support for technology initiatives including:
  - Increased support for replacement of aging student laptops and classroom projection systems
  - Continued support for major upgrades and replacements of school security cameras, intercoms, and building access systems to enhance safety and security
  - New Division and school websites to communicate news, events, and stories with parents and the wider community.
- Continued support to upgrade school facilities including:
  - Accessibility initiatives
  - Power Smart energy efficient initiatives
  - School furnishings and equipment to support Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

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