



Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2021-2022

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2021-2022 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$59,392,102 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$367,438. The budget represents a 0.57% increase in expenditures **allowing the Division to reduce the Property Tax Mill rate by 1.61%.**

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 and reduced provincial operating support.

Funding Sources and Impact on Taxpayers

Provincial funding is a key component of total operational revenue. For the fifth consecutive year, the Provincial operating support that is granted to the Division decreased by 2%. For the 2021-2022 budget, this is a reduction of \$442,912 in revenue. The Provincial Government did commit to an additional funding of \$115,621 for Special Needs outside of their operating support. As well, they provided a one-time Property Tax Offset Grant in the amount of \$680,477 to help reduce the burden on local property tax payers.

Local property taxation represents 43.21% of the remaining revenue budget. The Division's mill rate for 2021 will be set at 14.6444. This represents a mill rate decrease of 0.2395 mills or 1.61% to the taxpayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

The average homeowner with a house valued at \$288,327 will see a decrease of \$31.09 annually.

This Budget includes

- Maintain staffing to ensure the quality of educational programming remains uncompromised
- Additional support for mental health and support services for students and staff
- Technological support for both in-class and remote learning
- Additional staffing in the area of divisional Occupational Therapy
- Specific early years focus on smaller class sizes and support for Reading Recovery
- Continued support for High School Apprenticeship Programs and school-based work experience.

The Board has kept expenditure increases to a minimum. As directed by the Minister of Education, Lord Selkirk School Division is compliant with respect to the special requirement guidelines and the administration expenditure cap.

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