Lord Selkirk School Division
News Release
Budget 2019-2020

At its Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2019-2020 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling $58,750,940 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling $367,475. The budget represents a 0.0025% 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 and reduced provincial funding.

Funding Sources and Impact on Taxpayers

Provincial funding is a key component of total operational revenue. For the third consecutive year, Provincial funding granted to the Division decreased by 2%. For the 2019-2020 budget, this is a reduction of $513,277 in revenue.

Local property taxation represents 42.65% of the remaining revenue budget. The Division's mill rate for 2019 will be set at 14.931. This represents a mill rate increase of 0.1075 mills to the taxpayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

The average homeowner with a house valued at $315,225 will see an increase of $15.25 annually, or $1.27 a month. The impact on individual taxpayers should be a 0.73% increase.

This Budget includes

- A reduction of 1.5 FTE Professional Staff
- A reduction of 3.0 FTE Support Staff
- Maintaining small class sizes
- Maintaining counsellors in schools
- Continued support for arts and technical vocational programs
- Maintaining music, band and performing arts in schools
- Continued support for French Immersion and Ukrainian Bilingual programs.

Trustees have kept expenditure increases to a minimum. As directed by the Minister of Education, Lord Selkirk School Division is in compliance with respect to the special requirement guidelines and reduced administration expenditure cap.

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