



## Lord Selkirk School Division News Release Budget 2022-2023

At its regular board meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division approved a 2022-2023 school year Operating Fund Budget totaling \$61,866,644 and a Capital Fund Budget totaling \$0. The budget represents a 4.17% increase in expenditures **allowing the Division to reduce the Property Tax Mill rate by 1.34%.**

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 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, provincial operating support granted to the Division decreased by 2%. For the 2022-2023 budget, this is a reduction of \$434,054 in revenue. The Provincial Government did commit to an additional funding of \$116,346 for special needs outside of their operating support. As well, they provided a one-time Property Tax Offset Grant in the amount of \$1,374,502 and a one-time grant to offset cost pressures in the amount of \$1,846,400. Both amounts will help reduce the burden on local property tax payers.

Local property taxation represents 44.16% of the remaining revenue budget. The Division's mill rate for 2021 will be set at 14.4475. This represents a mill rate decrease of 0.1969 mills or 1.34% to the taxpayers of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

The average homeowner with a house valued at \$288,327 will see a decrease of \$25.54 annually.

### **This Budget includes:**

- Funding for staffing to maintain the quality of educational programming;
- Additional support for mental health and support services for students and staff;
- Technological support for both in-class and remote learning;
- Specific early years focus on smaller class sizes and support for Reading Recovery;
- Continued support for vocational 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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