



Balanced Budget Approved for 2009/10

A \$336 million balanced budget for the 2009 – 2010 school year was approved by Trustees at a public Board Meeting tonight.

“We are appreciative of the 4.8% increase to the Basic Education Grant but have experienced challenges in the areas where the grants were less than that or at zero percent,” said Board Vice-Chairperson Becky Kallal.

Here are a few specifics of the 2009/10 Budget:

- To continue supporting ‘at-risk’ students by offering Full Day Kindergarten, the District is expanding the program to 32 programs in 21 schools. The District continues to fund these programs from funding used for Kindergarten through Grade 12 students.
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) funding to schools has increased from \$585 to \$615 per student which is an increase of 5.1%.
- The District has implemented a Career and Technology Studies (CTS) initiative for junior high students that will allocate \$25 per student to schools. In addition a centralized staff development and resources fund is being established in the amount of \$50,000.
- The District continues to support assistive technology through the implementation of Read and Write Gold; a software program that supports all students in their reading, writing and study skills.
- The early literacy funding for elementary students has been increased by 3% to \$56.65 per student from the current \$55 per student.

The Board of Trustees will continue to lobby Government for funding in the following areas that remain a serious concern:

- Severe Special Needs funding
- Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) Funding
- Curriculum costs

“When developing the 2009/10 District Budget we worked very hard to ensure that students and their needs are the centre of our focus in all decisions,” said Superintendent Joan Carr.

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