

DISTRICT OPERATIONS – BUSINESS SERVICES
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1. Quarter 1 Budget Update

Introduction

This financial report is an update on the 2020/2021 Annual Budget that the Board approved on June 23rd, 2020. The projections are based on actual expenditures to September 30th, 2020 and also known funding and expenditure information and anticipated changes as of October 19th, 2020.

Background

The COVID-19 crisis had a significant impact on the budget for 2020/2021. The 2020/2021 annual budget projected a \$8.88 million shortfall to be covered by surpluses from prior years and partial use of the international education reserve.

The tables below highlight the enrolment changes and funding impact from the Annual Budget to September 30th:

FTE	Rate	20/21 Budget	20/21 Q1	Variance	Funding
Regular K-12	\$ 7,560	23,804	23,300	(503)	\$ (3,804,495)
Continuing Education	7,560	13	4	(9)	(66,150)
Alternative Schools	7,560	131	132	1	7,560
Distance Learning	6,100	124	222	98	595,320
Home Schooling	250	9	81	72	18,000
Course Challenges	236	60	60	0	0
Total School-Age Enrolment		24,140	23,799	(341)	\$ (3,249,765)
Level 1 Special Needs	43,000	30	29	(1)	(43,000)
Level 2 Special Needs	20,400	1,109	1,051	(58)	(1,183,200)
Level 3 Special Needs	10,300	156	127	(29)	(298,700)
English Language Learners	1,520	5,533	5,485	(48)	(72,960)
Indigenous	1,500	723	684	(39)	(58,500)
Adult Education	4,823	22	34	12	58,783
Total Unique Students		7,573	7,410	(163)	(1,597,577)
Salary Differential					(76,385)
September Grant					\$ (4,923,727)

Based on the enrolment and unique student demographic changes, which have resulted in a \$4,923,727 projected Ministry grant reduction, the following budget adjustments have been implemented:

Teacher Staffing (-42.9 FTE)	\$ 3,876,071
Education Assistants (-17.35 FTE)	973,084
Summer Session - Net Revenues	68,262
Total	\$ 4,917,417

COVID-19 Response

The following targeted funding to support the COVID-19 response plan will be included in the Amended 2020/2021 Operating Budget:

Provincial Safe Return to School	\$ 1,711,553
Federal Safe Return to School	8,718,574
Mental Health Grant	48,000
SD41 - Restricted Operating Reserve	1,000,000
Total	\$ 11,478,127

The following staffing and supply / services budget has been established to utilize the COVID-19 targeted funding:

Teaching Staff (+83.99 FTE)	\$ 6,435,691
Support Staff (+42.0 FTE)	1,550,198
Education Services / Supplies	495,443
Operations Services / Supplies	2,103,185
Total	\$ 10,584,517

Additional teaching staff will support the school transition programs and students with unique needs. Support staff positions added include Custodians, Food Services Workers, Secretarial and Student Supervisors. The surplus fund balance of \$893,610 will be retained to manage future unfunded COVID-19 costs as they are incurred.

Recommendation

That the Board of Education receive this information.