

**CENTRAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1 - 2021**

To the Chair and Members  
Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 17, 2021

The Central District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

**1. 2021/2022 Draft Budget**

The Secretary-Treasurer was in attendance to provide an overview on the draft Budget for the 2021/2022 school year.

The Committee was informed that on February 4, 2021, the Province of Manitoba announced an increase in education funding of \$20.8 million dollars. This resulted in a decrease in funding from the province of 1.6% or \$2.9 million dollars and an additional reduction from other revenue resources such as the Federal government of \$1.3 million dollars. As a result, the Board of Trustees is required to reduce almost \$5 million in programs in order to achieve a balanced budget of \$421,039,405. As directed by the Provincial Government, the property tax levy for WSD home and business owners will be frozen at 2020 levels or a decrease of about \$6 a year on the average assessed home value of \$225,700 within in WSD.

The Committee was informed that the reduction in the provincial budget along with the two percent cap on the special levy has created a deficit that requires WSD to reduce programs and/or services in order to achieve a balanced budget for the 2021/2022 school year.

The Committee was informed that the Board of Trustees drafted a proposed list of reductions to be made including School Resource Officers, Unfilled divisional support position vacancies, Occupational/ Physiotherapy, Milk Subsidy Program, Utility savings, School Budgets (non-salary), and School Clerk positions(12 month to 10 month).

The Committee was informed that the \$45 million dollar budget for French Language programs is the allotment for the entire division and the majority of that budget goes towards salaries. The Board of Trustees agreed to make reductions based on what would have the least amount of impact on students and classrooms.

The Committee was informed that the funding from the federal government was intended to support Covid relief. The province received the funding which is a one-time relief fund that would apply to next year's budget. WSD has accessed some of the funding to cover expenses such as staffing and technology, as well as smaller expenses such as personal protective equipment. The Committee was informed that schools are provided an allocation of funds to support the purchasing of technology.

The Committee was informed that initially the SRO program began as a tripartite agreement between the City of Winnipeg, the Province of Manitoba and WSD, for the delivery of service and was equally funded by all parties. In recent years, the province does not provide funding to support for any increases and WSD has supplemented the difference to support the continuation of the program. The Board of Trustees will continue discussions with the City and Province regarding alternate options for the SRO program.

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The Committee was informed that school budgets generally have a surplus at the end of the year and the proposed reduction reflects that surplus. The 20 percent reduction may not be applicable to every school, as it would take into account schools that had larger surpluses versus schools that would require additional funding.

The Committee was informed that any feedback in writing should be submitted no later than March 1, 2021. All feedback will be taken into consideration by the Board of Trustees prior to finalizing the Budget. The Budget must be submitted to the Province of Manitoba by March 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARLENE REID  
Trustee Representative

**In Attendance:**

**Voting Representatives**

Cecil Rhodes School  
Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Elmwood High School  
Lord Selkirk School  
Sargent Park School  
Tec Voc High School  
Isaac Brock School  
Laura Secord School

**Regrets**

Clifton School  
Ecole George V School  
Glenelm School  
Greenway School  
Kent Road School  
Principal Sparling School  
Ecole Sacre-Coeu  
Weston School  
Wolseley School

**Administration**

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Education Services  
Tim Cox, Director  
Joyce Wong, Director  
Paul Kochan, Secretary-Treasurer  
Nancy Mactavish, Principal Clifton School  
Alison Petrelli, Vice-Principal Lord Selkirk School  
Melody Woloschuk, Vice-Principal Sargent Park School  
Emil Contreras, Vice-Principal Sargent Park School  
Lindsey Munz, Vice-Principal Tec Voc High School  
Adam Dyck, Vice-Principal Tec Voc High School  
Charles Bendu, Vice-Principal Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Meghan Davidson, Vice-Principal Daniel McIntyre Collegiate  
Christopher Torrance, Vice-Principal Elmwood High School  
Jeannette Tourangeau, Vice-Principal Elmwood High School

**Trustees**

Arlene Reid  
Jennifer Chen  
Cindy Murdoch