



## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Winnipeg School Division to hold draft budget consultations

**Jan. 25, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB)** – The Winnipeg School Division (WSD) is developing its budget for the 2016/17 school year. It is holding a series of school community consultations Feb. 3, 4, 9 and 10, 2016.

“The WSD Board of Trustees is committed to delivering quality education to every student and has invested in programs and services that are making a difference,” said Chris Broughton, WSD Board of Trustees Finance Committee Chair. “We are reducing barriers to learning and increasing the success of students in areas of math, literacy, science and arts.”

Public school funding to WSD has increased in this budget by only one percent, or \$1.8 million, less than the rate of economic growth. In addition, WSD has less corporate tax revenues as the result of tax incentives for downtown businesses.

“The Board is left to make tough decisions regarding special levies and potential program reductions, or alterations, to deliver a balanced budget,” said Broughton. “We are asking for public feedback on finding the balance between delivering quality education with the growing tax burden on residential home owners.”

WSD residents and parents are encouraged to come out to community consultations to learn more about the proposed WSD budget and provide feedback to Trustees. The meetings are open to everyone and are as follows:

Central District Advisory Committee  
**Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, 7 p.m.**  
École Sacre-Coeur

North District Advisory Committee  
**Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, 7 p.m.**  
Tyndall Park School

South District Advisory Committee  
**Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, 7 p.m.**  
Queenston School

Inner City District Advisory Committee  
**Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**  
R. B. Russell Vocational High School

A public Board of Trustees special budget consultation meeting will also be held on: **Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. 1577 Wall St. East**

**To address the Board, presenters must register in advance by contacting (204) 789-0469 before noon on Feb. 18, 2016.**

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