



Fort La Bosse School Division

2022-2023 Budget Presentation

March 3, 2022




In a short period of time, school divisions in Manitoba have recently faced some significant changes...

- ❑ Bill 28 – Public Services Sustainability Act; wage control act introduced by government; school divisions adhered to the act and budgeted in accordance with the intent of Bill 28; this legislation is still not passed and is in the courts being challenged; government seems to have moved on from this bill which impacts our current budget
- ❑ Bill 45 – Public Schools Amendment and Manitoba Teachers' Society Amendment Act; this bill has been proclaimed and provides for province wide bargaining with teachers rather than each division bargaining locally
- ❑ Bill 64 – this bill was introduced providing for aggressive changes to the education system in Manitoba and was met with significant resistance; in a change of leadership in government last fall, this bill was removed from consideration
- ❑ Bill 71 – The Education Property Tax Reduction Act; this bill has been proclaimed and provides for the government to eliminate education property taxes over a proposed 4-year period and take over full funding of education



About Fort la Bosse...

- ❑ Our projected enrolment for 2022-2023 is 1,530, an increase of about 40 students; approx. 700 students ride the school bus
- ❑ We employ approximately 275 permanent and casual staff; 12 different employee groups; 3 collective agreements
- ❑ We operate and maintain 10 schools (including 2 Hutterite Colony schools), an Operations Facility and the Division Administration Office
- ❑ We run 27 school bus routes that travel over 920,000kms per year and have a vehicle fleet that includes 37 buses in total



The following programs/resources have been eliminated or reduced over the past few years to remain compliant with the department directives and support balanced budgets:

- ❑ Eliminated staffing allowance for our Junior Kindergarten program
- ❑ Eliminated staffing allowance for our alternative education program
- ❑ Staffing reductions/restructuring in the division office
- ❑ Reduction of number of trustees to legislated minimum and restructuring of meeting schedule
- ❑ Maintenance department staff position reduction along with reduction in school maintenance budget
- ❑ Elimination of Numeracy coach position
- ❑ Bus replacement budget is eliminated
- ❑ School based budgets reduced
- ❑ ICT flex purchase budget reduction
- ❑ Professional development budgets reduced
- ❑ Adjustments to support staff work schedules



Total cost of these reductions amounts to approximately \$900,000



Provincial Funding...

2022-2023 Funding Highlights:

- ❑ Province announced a total increase in base education funding of 2.9%
- ❑ This impacts each school division differently depending on circumstances; our operating support by formula was reduced by 2%
- ❑ All school divisions are directed to freeze education property taxes at current level
- ❑ A property tax offset grant will be provided to offset the impact of the property tax freeze and the 2% funding reduction; net effect is no increase in funding by formula and education property tax revenue



Provincial Funding...

2022-2023 Funding Highlights continued:

- ❑ For this budget year, additional *one-time* funding will be provided to assist school divisions dealing with incremental cost pressures from factors such as wage increases, inflation and COVID-19; our additional funding amounts to \$594,200
- ❑ We are in transition to a new funding model for education in Manitoba; the MB K-12 Funding Model Review committee is currently working on developing this new model to take effect in the 2023-2024 school year
- ❑ The new model, as part of government's promise to eliminate education property taxes, will remove the ability for school divisions to generate education property tax revenue and the government will fund operations 100%



Budget Highlights...

- ❑ Increase to wage costs of 4%; impacts of collective bargaining require some wage adjustment catch up based on retroactive impacts due to prior years' budgets not being suffice due to expectations from government
- ❑ Increase in enrolment generating additional staffing costs per division staffing formula equal to 2 FTE teachers
- ❑ Increase in student services support required based on needs equivalent to 2 FTE teachers
- ❑ Our fixed costs are rapidly increasing due to inflation; insurance increases up to 20%; fuel costs are volatile; CPP cost increase of \$40k; natural gas primary rate increase of 8%; potential interest rate spikes impacting borrowing costs
- ❑ The one-time funding this year is appreciated as it will offset some of the cost pressures from above; however, it doesn't come close to addressing them all and it is important to note that to balance this budget we are working on a plan for further reductions of approximately \$350,000 (equivalent 4.25 FTE teachers)
- ❑ This is the impact of having no ability to generate additional revenue



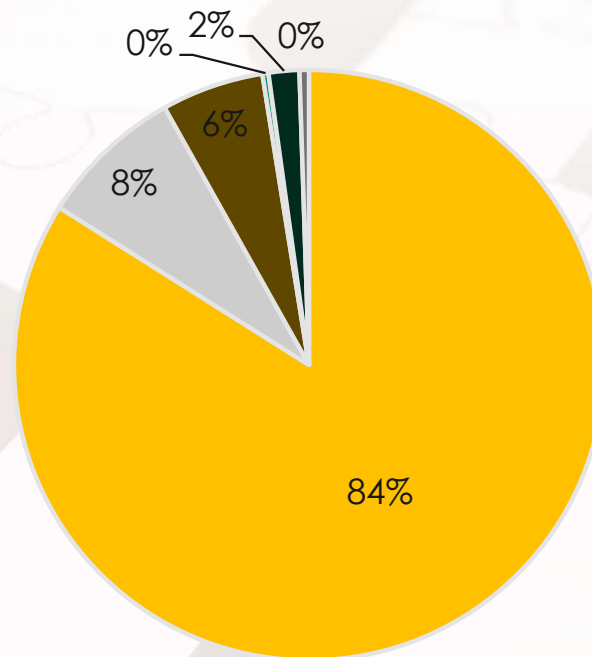
Proposed Budget...

2022-2023 Budget by Object

	2021/2022 BUDGET	2022/2023 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE FY22/FY23	PERCENT CHANGE
Funding of Schools Program	7,470,036	7,359,037	(110,999)	-1.5%
Other Department of Education and Training	2,701,079	3,098,181	397,102	14.7%
Other Provincial Government	183,500	119,500	(64,000)	-34.9%
Municipal Government	8,418,176	8,811,141	392,965	4.7%
Other School Divisions	48,700	59,900	11,200	23.0%
Dakota Nation	816,680	943,300	126,620	15.5%
Other Sources	21,600	21,600	-	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	19,659,771	20,412,659	752,888	3.8%
Salaries	15,280,540	15,913,140	632,600	4.1%
Employee Benefits and Allowances	1,151,100	1,223,300	72,200	6.3%
Services	1,596,065	1,613,527	17,462	1.1%
Supplies, Materials and Minor Equipment	1,148,616	1,143,815	(4,801)	-0.4%
Loan Interest and Bank Charges	60,000	70,000	10,000	16.7%
Payroll Tax	329,000	343,000	14,000	4.3%
Tuition, Transfers and Other	94,450	105,877	11,427	12.1%
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,659,771	20,412,659	752,888	3.8%
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL	0	0	-	0.0%
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	0	-	



How the money is spent...



- Salaries and benefits
- Supplies and Minor Equipment
- Payroll tax
- Services
- Loan interest and bank charges
- Tuition, transfers and other

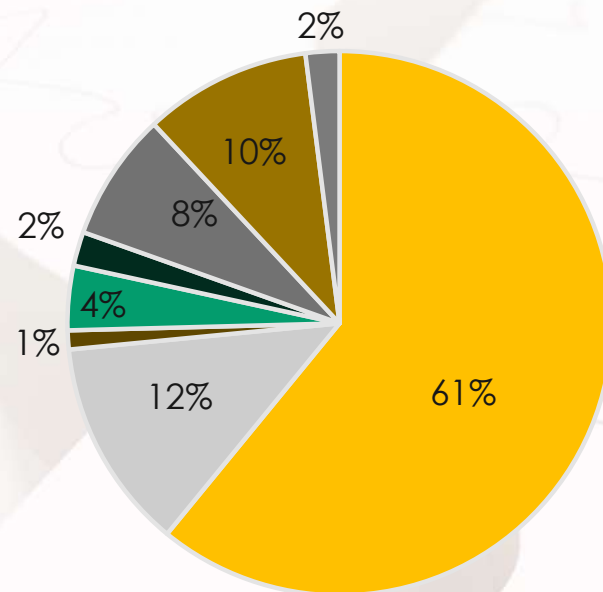


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Regular Instruction	11,939,745	12,436,081	496,336	4.2%
Student Support Services	2,462,375	2,557,840	95,465	3.9%
Community Education and Services	296,810	231,930	(64,880)	-21.9%
Divisional Administration	715,901	779,587	63,686	8.9%
Instructional and Other Support Services	399,780	414,460	14,680	3.7%
Transportation of Pupils	1,510,955	1,552,407	41,452	2.7%
Operations and Maintenance	1,945,205	2,027,354	82,149	4.2%
Fiscal, Tuition and Other	389,000	413,000	24,000	6.2%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	19,659,771	20,412,659	752,888	3.8%
TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL	0	0	-	0.0%
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	0	0	-	0.0%

Where the money is spent...



- Regular Instruction
- Student Support Services
- Community education and services
- Divisional Administration
- Instructional and Other Support Services
- Transportation of Pupils
- Operations and Maintenance
- Fiscal, Tuition and Other



Proposed Budget...

- ❑ Proposing a balanced budget
 - ❑ Special levy freeze at \$9,717,329
 - ❑ Administration costs compliant with government directive; for every \$1 spent in Fort la Bosse about 3 cents is spent on business and administration while 97 cents goes towards the rest of operations
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- No change in the mill rate as portioned assessment and special levy remained unchanged compared to 2021.

Approx school
division mill
rate – 6.91



QUESTIONS??

Questions or comments can be sent to:

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