



Living Sky School Division Reaches out to School Communities for Budget Input

The Living Sky School Division Board of Education is currently developing the budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Key to this process is the elimination of a \$6 million dollar deficit.

Given this, it is important to note that the Division has managed significant budget reductions over the past six years. During this time, budget cuts were made in areas that did not affect schools and students directly. We are now at a critical point where we must not only consider further reductions across the system (including central office), but we must also consider school program and staff reductions to meet the shortfall for 2017-18.

The following proposed budget options have been presented to the Board of Education during initial budget discussions:

Non-Staff Reductions (\$1,208,649):

- Teacher PD, Work Related Meeting & Extra-curricular Sub Costs
- One EA PD (Support) Day
- Reconfigure Student Award & Staff Appreciation Events
- Battleford, Unity & Kerrobert Transportation
- Change North Battleford Transportation walk distance from .75 km to 1.0 km
- Special Events (Extra-Curricular) Transportation
- Division Nutrition budget
- Resource Centre materials budget
- Consultant Support budgets
- Connaught Summer Program
- Doctorate/Bursary support
- School-based budgets
- Academic supplies & school-based PD carryover
- Technology supplies

Staff Reductions (\$3,528,437):

Central Office:

- 5 Consultant Positions
- 1 Accounts Receivable Clerk, 1 HR Assistant, 1 Payroll Assistant, 1 Payroll Manager (includes mat leaves not covered)

- 1 Student & Community Support Worker position (unpaid leave)
- .5 Occupational Therapist (mat leave not covered)

Transportation/Facilities:

- 3 Bus Driver and 5.6 Caretaker positions

In-School:

- 15 Teacher positions (through attrition)
- 1 Phoenix Program Teaching position
- 22 Education Assistant positions (through attrition)
- 4 Teacher Aid, 1.5 Cultural Worker, .5 Justice Liaison, 1.0 Nutrition Worker, .5 AV Technician, and 1 Alternate Language Worker positions

Proposed Budget Options Summary:

Total Staff Reduction Costs Net:	\$3,528,437
Total Non-Staff Reduction Costs Net:	<u>\$1,208,649</u>
Total	\$4,737,086
Budget Shortfall	(\$1,262,914)

In keeping with the Division’s commitment to consult with our stakeholders during the budget development process, we continue to invite all staff, parents and community members to offer their feedback through written submission to: The Living Sky School Division No. 202 Att: Dave Hutchinson, Director of Education 509 Pioneer Avenue, North Battleford, SK S9A 4A5 or by email to: shannon.lessard@lskysd.ca.

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Living Sky School Division is situated in Northwest Central Saskatchewan. It encompasses a wide geographic area including the Battlefords, many communities, villages, First Nation communities and Hutterite colonies. Currently, twenty-nine schools are located in eighteen communities. Our schools include PreK-12, elementary, high schools and alternate schools with a student population of approximately 5,700 students.

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