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Dear Families

Re: WSD Budget 2024/25

As you might be aware, the funding announcement for K-12 public education was delivered yesterday. This announcement gives all school divisions in Manitoba direction on revenues for the upcoming year. We now have until March 15th to submit our 2024/25 budget to the Province of Manitoba. From the province, WSD received an increase of 1% to its annual operating budget for the upcoming year.

Now, we want to hear from you! A budget is a values-based document. It contains what we think is important and where we should devote resources -- or not. WSD has a half billion-dollar budget, and we want to ensure that your voices are heard through the budget development process.

To help families think through what exactly a school division does, we would encourage you to have a look at the linked document entitled WSD 123. <https://www.winnipeg.sd.ca/page/28075/wsd-123-continuous-improvement-2023-24>

This document summarizes what we do from a programming perspective. What are the things that matter to your family? Smaller class sizes? Improved instruction? No-fee field trips? More extracurricular programming? More nutrition programs? More mental health supports? Greater access to technology? No-fee lunch supervision? Greater emphasis on Truth and Reconciliation? More supports for children in our care?

We can do anything we want, but we can't do everything.

We invite you to attend upcoming public meetings to share your priorities and ask questions. Please note the following:

Inner City District Advisory Committee: February 7th @ William Whyte, 6:30 pm
North District Advisory Committee: February 8th @ École Lansdowne, 7:00 pm
Central District Advisory Committee: February 13th @ Elmwood High School, 7:00 pm
South District Advisory Committee: February 14th @ Harrow School, 7:00 pm

Public Consultation Meeting: February 26th @ Tec Voc High School, 7:00 pm

The Board of Trustees and the Superintendents Team value your input. It's your school division, your schools, and your community. Our goal is to make WSD the best school system on Planet Earth, and we need your voice, support, and guidance to do that.

Thank you for the feedback you've already provided. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming consultations. Should you not be able to attend, please feel free to email your ideas to Matt at mahenderson@wsd1.org.

Sincerely,

Matt Henderson, Superintendent

Tamara Kuly, Board Chair