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To the Chair and Members Winnipeg Public School Board:

February 16, 2022

The Central District Advisory Committee reports as follows:

1. <u>Acknowledgement of Indigenous People of Canada</u>

The Committee was informed that the meeting of the Central District Advisory Committee meeting is taking place on Treaty One land and the traditional homeland of the Red River Metis.

2. 2022/2023 Draft Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO was in attendance and provided an overview of the Draft Budget for the 2022/2023 school year.

The Committee was informed that last year the Board of Trustees approved the 2021/2022 Budget in the amount of \$421,039,400. The Committee was informed that the Division was forced to make reductions of \$4,457,395 for programs and services due to a drop in provincial funding of 1.6 percent or \$2,926,520. This also included the direction from the provincial government to freeze the at property tax levies at 2020 levels.

The Committee was informed the Board of Trustees is proposing a stand pat budget of \$437,118,200. The baseline funding has decreased by 1.3 percent, or \$2,325,538, while one-time funding of \$13,217,517 has been provided for next year and property tax levies for education will remain frozen at 2020 levels. The Committee was informed that one-time funding for 2022/2023 is intended to cover collective agreement settlements and additional costs related to pandemic staffing. The Committee was informed that the draft budget proposes no additions for 2022/2023 and no further reductions.

The Committee was informed that a large portion of the budget is determined by student enrolment numbers each year. The Province acknowledged that the lower student enrolment was related to the pandemic and implemented a hybrid enrolment calculation that was higher than the actual student enrolment numbers. The Committee was informed that even with the hybrid calculation funding for the division resulted in a 3.14 percent or approximately \$13,700,000 deficit. However, the one-time funding of approximately \$13,000,000 provided by the province, and the ending of the pilot Full-Day Kindergarten program, provided sufficient funding to offset deficit.

The Committee was informed that although the hybrid enrolment calculation and the one-time funding from the province has assisted in balancing the budget for this year, future budgets are still at risk without additional funding for education.

The Committee was encouraged to share their input on the 2022/2023 Draft Budget by email, in writing, or by registering to appear virtually as a delegation to the Board of Trustees at the February 28, 2022, Special Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlene Reid Trustee Representative

In Attendance:

Voting Representatives

Cecil Rhodes School Clifton School Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Elmwood High School Isaac Brock School Laura Secord School Lord Selkirk School Principal Sparling School Wolseley School

Regrets

Ecole George V School Glenelm School Greenway School Kent Road School River Elm School Ecole Sacre-Coeur Sargent Park School Tec Voc High School Weston School W.A.E.C.

Administration

Celia Caetano-Gomes, Superintendent of Education Services Joyce Wong, Director Brenda Lapointe, Board and Community Liaison Officer Paul Kochan, Secretary -Treasurer Dino Di Fabrizio, (Acting) Director Stormie, Duchnycz, Principal Cecil Rhodes School Amanda Manness, Vice-Principal Cecil Rhodes School Susan Drysdale, Principal Clifton School Lorne Belmore, Principal Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Charles Bendu, Vice-Principal Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Erin Enns, (Acting) Vice-Principal Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Michael Babb, Principal Elmwood High School Christopher Torrance, Vice-Principal Elmwood High School Jennifer Donachuk, (Acting) Vice-Principal Elmwood High School Jolene Boult, Principal Greenway School Christoper Goring, Principal Isaac Brock School Nadia De Luca, Vice-Principal Isaac Brock School Wade Gregg, Principal Laura Secord School Amie Johnston, Principal Lord Selkirk School Alison Petrelli, (Acting) Vice-Principal Lord Selkirk School Melody Woloschuk, Principal Sargent Park School Emil Conteras, Vice-Principal Sargent Park School Lindsey Munz, (Acting) Vice-Principal Tec Voc School Lisa Richardson, Principal Weston School Brian Rogowsky, Principal Wolseley School Aaron Benarroch, Principal W.A.E.C Kelly Bowen (W.A.N.T.E.) Tarin Howard, Recording Secretary

Trustees

Arlene Reid Jennifer Chen (Regrets)