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Prairie South Board of Education Budget Highlights

- The Board will continue to pursue the four pillars of their strategic plan: Student Outcomes, Infrastructure, Innovation, and Relationships.
- Peacock Collegiate will receive a significant upgrade to their HVAC and heating system.
- School decentralized budgets have been reduced. Principals will work with school staffs to determine what processes and purchases will need to change related to this.
- Prairie South will maintain its focus on staff attendance management. Significant efficiencies have been achieved in this area over the past two years.
- A portable classroom will be built at Sunningdale School to relieve enrolment pressures. The Board will review enrolment pressures at Lafleche School and will continue to pursue a solution there.
- Major changes will be made to our Transportation service, including staffing changes, office location, noon bus routes, double runs, and catchment adjustments.
- Kindergarten scheduling in Moose Jaw will change to a full day every second day model to match practice in other schools in Prairie South.
- A Graduation Coach model will be implemented in Moose Jaw high schools to target increased graduation rate outcomes.
- Several positions will be lost at the division level as a result of the budget. While as many of these as possible will be reduced through attrition, unfortunately several staff members will lose their positions.
- The teacher staffing formula has been adjusted, and as a result, some teaching positions will be lost across the system. This reduction will be compounded at some schools who are experiencing enrolment decline, and other schools will see small staff increases. Division and provincial requirements related to contracts of employment, local and provincial collective agreements, and legislation will be adhered to. The Prairie South Teachers Association and the Canadian Union of Public Employees are working as partners with division staff to ensure staff are supported appropriately.