

May 3, 2022

Prairie South Passes Budget

The budget was presented to the Board on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 and was met with strong support from the Trustees, with a 10-0 vote in favour of the 2022-2023 budget.

Our overall cost increase is \$5.5 million which puts Prairie South in a position where our deficit is \$4 million. Prairie South is utilizing its reserves to maintain the same level of educational services as we have for the 2021-2022 budget year. Prairie South has achieved efficiencies over the last decade which has allowed it to establish and access a reserve fund.

Prairie South has significant operating and inflationary costs that were not covered by the increase in funding by the provincial government. We have listed some of our larger operating and inflationary expenses in the accompanying Backgrounder.

The budget process is never an easy one, yet the Division worked diligently to ensure the Board priorities remained the focus for the 2022-2023 year. Some of the highlights include:

- Classroom size and supports,
- Enhancing opportunities for students, and
- Infrastructure maintenance.

The Division is able to support these key priorities by using \$4 million of our reserve funds along with the funding provided by the provincial government.

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