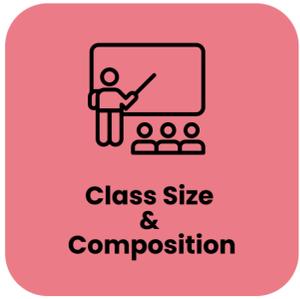


2026-2027 BUDGET: WHAT WE HEARD & HOW WE'RE RESPONDING



What we heard

Families and staff told us that class size matters — and so does class composition, including complex learning needs, neurodiversity, multilingual learners, and mental health challenges.

How the budget responds

- Prioritizes core classroom supports
- Focuses on class composition, not just numbers
- This budget approach ensures that reductions are not focused in areas that would negatively affect students with the most significant learning needs, promoting equity and support for all learners



What we heard

Strong support for educational assistants, clinicians, counsellors, and instructional supports, with many noting that one in five students requires additional or specialized support.

How the budget responds

- Protects educational assistant, clinical services, and instructional supports
- Directs resources where student needs are most complex
- Recognizes that supporting diverse learners requires sustained investment



What we heard

Mental health and wellbeing support for students and staff are essential to safe, caring, and effective schools.

How the budget responds

- Continues investment in trauma-responsive practices
- Recognizes staff wellness as foundational to student success
- Aligns with LRSD's commitment to caring, responsive, and student-centred learning environments



What we heard

Concerns about aging buildings, ventilation, accessibility, air conditioning, and safety, and the need for greater equity between older and newer schools.

How the budget responds

- Acknowledges infrastructure pressures through careful prioritization and deferrals
- Continues planning for safe, accessible, and modern schools
- Advocates for long-term infrastructure solutions beyond the operating budget

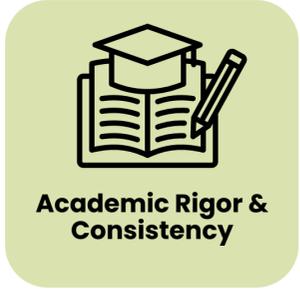


What we heard

Support for equity, inclusion, Indigenous education, and reconciliation, alongside a desire for clarity and transparency in how commitments are implemented.

How the budget responds

- Maintains commitments to equity and inclusion
- Continues Indigenous education and reconciliation efforts
- Aligns with LRSD's Multi-Year Strategic Plan and Treaty commitments



What we heard

A desire for stronger literacy and numeracy foundations, more consistent expectations across schools, and better preparation for high school and post-secondary.

How the budget responds

- Protects instructional supports tied to early years literacy and numeracy
- Reinforces work on consistent assessment and reporting practices
- Connects budget decisions to long-term academic outcomes



What we heard

A clear tension between maintaining services and concerns about affordability, with strong expectations that LRSD continue advocating for sustainable provincial funding.

How the budget responds

- Repays the accumulated deficit
- Balances service stability and affordability
- Continues to advocate for a fair provincial funding model that reflects actual student needs
- Ensures reductions focus on non-classroom areas to maintain public trust