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### **LRSD Budget Considers Continued Investments in Students and the Community**

**Winnipeg, MB** – Necessary investments in the growth of our students and community mark the recently approved Louis Riel School Division (LRSD) 2016-17 budget.

A full day Kindergarten pilot partnered with childcare and early learning providers, continued investment in Propel and Fast Forward programming and new supports for students with exceptional needs are a few highlights from the budget plan.

“For the first time in the Division we will be offering full day Kindergarten in eight classrooms,” says Board Chair Louise Johnston. “Along with our dedication to the community, we will continue our commitments to focusing on literacy, Indigenous education and maintaining facilities.”

The draft budget was passed at a public meeting on March 8, 2016.

The LRSD School Board consulted with the community through surveys and public meetings when developing the financial plan.

The plan will also continue to focus on LRSD divisional priorities for student learning, academic success, student engagement and active citizenship.

With enrolment projected to increase by 209 students, the Division is investing in 36 new teachers to accommodate population growth, increased programming options and progress towards lower class sizes.

The Division will continue investing in community supports as well.

“We are dedicating time and resources to growing community capacity, along with offering full day Kindergarten we are establishing two new Family Centres and bringing in additional community liaison workers,” says Duane Brothers, Superintendent.

The total operating budget increases 4.21% over 2015-16 to \$177,210,924.

Ratepayers will see a 4.89% increase which breaks down to about \$7.10/month for the average LRSD home.

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