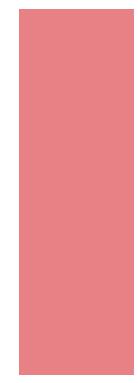


# THE PERFECT STORM: FIVE MAJOR COST PRESSURES



## ENROLMENT GROWTH

Enrolment has grown 16% over the past decade—adding more than 2,400 students—which has sharply increased the need for additional staff, classrooms, buses, and school space.



## INFLATION RATES

From 2016–2024, cumulative inflation rose 26.37%—peaking at 7.9% in 2022—driving up costs for staffing, utilities, learning materials, transportation, and building maintenance.



## PANDEMIC IMPACT

The number of students requiring specialized support has surged from about 1,400 pre-pandemic to more than 3,600 today—now representing 1 in 5 students and driving significantly higher support needs across schools.



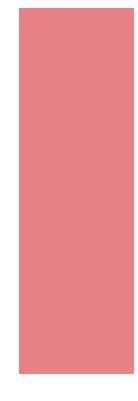
## AUSTERITY FALLOUT

From 2016–2023, provincial austerity kept funding flat and limited local revenue while enrolment, inflation, the pandemic, and infrastructure needs grew—resulting in more students with greater needs but less funding per child.



## AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

Most LRSD schools are 50–100 years old, creating major infrastructure pressures—from aging HVAC and roofs to urgent accessibility, electrical, plumbing, and energy-efficiency upgrades.



**Student enrolment ballooned.**

**Student needs continue to grow.**

**Infrastructure is aging.**

**Costs are rising.**

**Funding needs to keep up.**

