

# Red River Valley School Division Budget 2022–2023

The Red River Valley School Division Board of Trustees passed the 2022-2023 Budget at their regularly scheduled board meeting on March 14, 2022. The Board submitted a deficit budget of \$500,000.00 for 2022-2023 school year in order to meet the needs of the students in Red River Valley School Division.

## Provincial Funding & Property Taxation

- RRVSD received a 2% decrease in operating support from the province, which is equivalent to -\$240,662.00
- RRVSD does not have the ability to raise local property taxes as the Manitoba Government has provided an additional 2% of the Special Requirement to the division in lieu of increases in the amount of \$374,973.00.
- The Manitoba Government also announced a further \$956,100.00 for RRVSD to assist with wage cost pressures for the 22/23 year
- The Special Requirement is the amount needed to fulfil the school division funding requirements for the school year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The Special Levy includes 40% of the 2022 Special Requirement, and 60% of the 2021 Special Requirement as well as the provincial incentives such as Education Property Tax Credit, Tax Incentive Grant and the new Property Tax Offset Grant.



Total revenue for 2022/23 is \$34,335,441.00

1.5% decrease in the Mill Rate results in a Property Tax reduction of \$16.66 on an average house worth \$200,000. Actual property tax reductions are dependent upon changes in your personal assessed values.

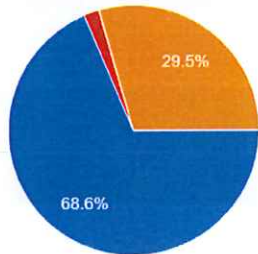
## Budget Changes for 2022-2023

- Added .1 FTE Speech & Language Clinician
- Salaries across the division have received increases to correct the freeze imposed by the Sustainability Act according to the Pembina Trails Arbitration Award that impacted all school divisions
- Added vice-principal time at Ecole St.Malo School and Sanford Collegiate above formula
- Allocated funds towards Divisional Elder and Knowledge Keeper Initiative
- Continue decreased Professional Development budgets across division by 33% (same as prior year)
- Continue decreased meeting mileage and meal budgets across the division (same as prior year)
- Eliminated divisional funding of school clubs
- Eliminated bus reserve allocation—funds in existing reserve can cover 2 buses
- Continue decreased advertising budgets across division by 75% (same as prior year)
- Continue decreases in divisional painting budget, building property infrastructure budget, Workplace Health & Safety budget (same as prior year)
- In response to the budget survey, the RRVSD Board of Trustees invested an additional \$175,000 into Mental Health and Speech & Language supports for the 2022-23 school year
- Deficit budget of \$500,000.00

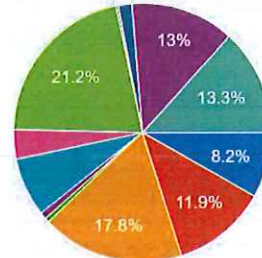
# Public Budget Consultation

On March 2, 2022, Red River Valley School Division released a Public Budget Survey to gather community input. The survey was delivered to all staff and parents/guardians in RRVSD through School Messenger, emailed to all municipal offices within the RRVSD boundaries, and posted on the website for general public.

353 responses were received from the following:



- Parent
- Community Member
- Staff Member
- Student



- Starbuck
- Oak Bluff
- Sanford
- Vermillion Colony
- Homewood Colony
- Rosenort
- Lowe Farm
- Morris
- Suncrest Colony
- Oak Bluff Colony
- St.Pierre-Jolys
- St.Malo

**EDUCATIONAL PRIORITIES:** 53.3% of survey responses feel that adequate resources are being provided to address important educational priorities within their communities. The top 3 educational programming supports were identified as Mental Health Support Worker, Speech & Language Pathologists and Psychologists.

**PRIORITY OF RESOURCES:** 60.9% of survey responses feel that there are educational resources that should receive more support. 34 of the 168 responses indicated more resources should be directed towards Mental Health support. 16 of the 168 responses indicated more resources should be directed towards Speech & Language support.

**AREAS OF SUPPORT REDUCTION:** 80.2% of survey responses feel that there are no areas where the division should reduce or eliminate support.

## ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS and CONCERNS FROM THE SURVEY!

1. The majority of survey answers reflected increase support in the areas of Mental Health and Speech & Language. The board responded by adding \$175,000.00 to the 2022-2023 budget specifically for programming in these areas.
2. Did you know that the RRVSD website has a section dedicated to Student Services information? Check it out if you are looking for information on Speech-Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Social Work or Addictions Foundation.
3. Extra curricular activities are organized by the school staff. Many of our schools have blogs and newsletters that help keep parents informed of what is going on in their school. Keep electronically informed by signing up for School Messenger and School Cash Online—these are great programs to help you stay in the loop!
4. How many social workers do we currently have? RRVSD has 3.0 FTE Social Workers on permanent contract.
5. Can PD Days be moved to storm days? The Province of Manitoba requires that 10 school days per year are used for Administration and Professional Development. The School Calendar is passed by the Board of Trustees in the prior Spring and submitted to the Province. The calendar cannot be changed without provincial permission after that point.
6. Ventilation Systems—RRVSD had mechanical assessments done on all HVAC systems in the division owned buildings, and complied with all recommendations from the assessments. Duct cleaning has been complete throughout the division, and additional Provincial funding was received for Lowe Farm and Rosenort school for testing and air balancing.
7. Mental Wellness of Staff—MB Teachers Society announced in Fall that they were moving their Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to Humanacare for all teachers in the province. RRVSD followed this up and provided the same EAP benefits for all non-teaching staff in the division. RRVSD also provided PD on Staff Wellness for all employees in the division on March 4, 2022.
8. Space concerns at Ecole St.Malo School —The Province has recently approved a 10 classroom addition to the Ecole St.Malo School. This will alleviate the space and washroom issue. The Province has provided huts over the last couple of years to assist with the space issue until the addition was approved.
9. Tax Increases— The 2022 Special Levy remains the same as the 2020 Special Levy, due to the increased Property Tax Offset Grant provided for by the province.

**The Red River Valley School Division, with the support of families and communities, strives to provide a learning environment that will allow our students the opportunity to achieve to their highest potential in a global environment.**