

Budget 2020-21 Video Transcript

Hello everyone,

I'm Christopher Usih, Chief Superintendent of Schools.

It's been almost two months since in-person classes were cancelled. We miss all of our students so much. While ongoing learning continues this year...we are **already** planning for next year.

In building next year's budget, student learning and well-being is at the centre of every decision. We are prioritizing resources to the classroom

Our budget aligns with the new government funding framework, and must be approved by our Board of Trustees before the end of May.

Changes need to be made to manage within the funding we receive.

For the new school year, we are moving some of our teaching staff who work at central and Area offices back into schools.

We are also ensuring there is a learning leader in each school and standardizing this important role across our system.

We are also aligning some education programs to the funding we receive. This includes:

- providing five years of support for English Language Learners instead of seven;
- focusing on providing Dual Credit programs with high-demand and high-completion rates
- consolidating our Early Development Centre programs across our system, and
- re-imagining Home Education programs and services.

Due to other changes in the funding framework, we are also creating a new model to continue to support students with specialized learning needs.

We are also planning to:

- move our Kingsland welcome centre to our downtown Education Centre;
- consolidate our Discovering Choices outreach locations from 4 to 3, while supporting the same number of students.

These changes align to funding and save operating dollars we can reinvest in our students and their learning.

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We have always operated within the administrative cap directed by the government, and we will continue to operate as efficiently as possible.

For the next school year, our families will see some changes to student fees and to the services we provide.

In January, our Board of Trustees directed Administration to balance the transportation budget using only government funding and user fees.

After receiving feedback from our community, we have made changes to transportation service levels and fees.

The government no longer provides a grant to school boards to cover certain student supplies. To ensure all students have these supplies, the CBE will use its purchasing power to buy student supplies at a reasonable cost. Next year, a student supply fee will be introduced to cover that cost.

Schools will be engaging families on school budgets and school fees from mid-May until late-June. I encourage you to participate.

The CBE is committed to strong, vibrant, inclusive school communities where all students have the opportunity to achieve their potential. Simply put, students come first.

We are excited to welcome our students back to school when it's safe to do so.

Thank you, as we work together to support success for every student.