

# media statement

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## CBE Board of Trustees response to provincial budget announcement

We've just received the budget and will need some time to study it and understand its full implications. We will have that information next week.

Without having had time to analyze it we can say that the CBE is in a difficult situation and we face significant challenges; our costs have increased, and our funding has not kept pace with growth and costs. Per-student funding has declined each year since September 2012.

We are a growing system and this budget does not fund growth. Next fall we expect growth in enrolment equivalent to four elementary schools, or nearly 2500 students. Of course we will not be reducing teachers, but new students need teachers too.

As a result, parents and students need to be aware that this level of funding will affect students in schools. Teachers need supports and all staff support student learning.

We will follow the government's direction to assess all other costs and have already started this work. All areas will be looked at for budget cuts. Maximizing the dollars directed to supporting student results remains our top priority. This is the first of three years of no-growth funding and many changes will be needed to follow this fiscal strategy.

We will provide the best education system possible with the resources that have been provided to us. And we will continue to work with our stakeholders.

It's important to remember that the CBE is one of the best education systems in the world and we will strive to maintain this status, even with these budget challenges.

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