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## CBE Budget

Dec. 2, 2019

Dear staff,

As you are aware, we are facing a \$32 million budget shortfall in the middle of a school year. At tomorrow's Board meeting, CBE Administration is informing the Board of Trustees that we are seeking the flexibility to repurpose the operating portion of the 2019-20 Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal (IMR) grant to maintain stability in the classrooms. Historically, these funds have not been available to support school-based operations as the intended purpose of IMR is to allow school boards to maintain and renew their schools and buildings.

On November 27, all school boards received communication from the Minister of Education that they now have the option to request that a portion of their IMR funds be used to maintain stability in classrooms. This option was not available when the CBE presented the first Budget Assumptions Report on November 14.

A [board report](#) has been posted to our website that includes this new information.

Public Board meetings are recorded and can be viewed on the [Board of Trustees' YouTube channel](#). Following tomorrow's meeting, an updated Budget Assumptions Report will be prepared and presented later in December. Please note that the CBE's budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on January 7, 2020.

At this time, all potential staffing adjustments are on hold and a [spending freeze](#) remains in effect.

I understand that the current uncertainty is difficult. I am committed to communicating updates and decisions to you as soon as they are confirmed.

Sincerely,

Christopher Usih  
Chief Superintendent of Schools

