

Balancing the 2020-21 Budget

At the CBE, students always come first. We are committed to strong, vibrant, inclusive school communities where all students have the opportunity to achieve their potential.

In building the 2020-21 budget, the CBE has worked very hard to prioritize resources directly into our classrooms. However, changes still need to be made.

We Are CBE

125,800 Students



30,000
English Language
Learners



21,000
students with
special needs



5,000
Indigenous
students



25,500 students
in Language &
Alternative
programs



23,500 students
transported
daily



4,000 students
in unique
settings



15,000
employees



246
schools

*2019-20 figures

Prioritizing Student Learning and Well-being

To bring resources closer to schools, we are:

- Moving some of our teaching staff who work at central and Area offices back into schools and classrooms
- Ensuring there is a learning leader in each school and standardizing this important role

We will continue to provide a range of supports and services to students, including students with specialized learning needs. Programming adjustments will be made to align to government funding. As this "RCSD" model has changed, we will invest \$2 million to meet the needs of students while we work on long-term solutions.

Aligning Education Programs to Government Funding

We will be making key changes to some programs and services. This includes:

- Providing five years of funding for English language learning instead of seven
- Re-imagining Home Education programs and services
- Focusing on Dual Credit programs that are in high demand and have high completion rates

Operational Efficiencies

We are making additional changes to save operating dollars that we can reinvest in our students and their learning. These include:

- Moving our Kingsland welcome centre for new Canadians to the Education Centre
- Consolidating our outreach programs and Early Development Centres

We continue to operate within the government cap on administrative spending.

Covering the Full Cost of Services

Student Supplies Fee

The \$10 million fee replacement grant has been discontinued by the government. A fee will be introduced to cover the costs for the CBE to bulk-purchase supplies for our students.

Transportation

In January 2020, the Board of Trustees directed Administration to balance the transportation budget using only fees and government funding. After receiving feedback from our community in March, we have made changes to services levels and fees that reflect that feedback, as well as our current budget realities and government funding. For more information, please visit cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation

Other Fees

We are committed to keeping all fees as reasonable as possible for our families. For more information about fees, please visit cbe.ab.ca/fees.

For more information on the CBE's 2020-21 budget, please visit cbe.ab.ca/budget.

