

media statement

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Board of Trustees' response to 2016-17 Provincial budget announcement

We have received the budget and would like to express our appreciation to the Province for its continued support of public education in tough economic times. Thank you.

With the limited information we have, we can say that we are encouraged that the Government continues to put a priority on educating the next generation of Albertans. This budget presents us with the stability we need as we educate 117,000 students a year in the CBE. Maximizing the dollars directed to the classroom and supporting student results remains our top priority.

We are grateful to be funded for growth and to know that the approximately 1500 new students in the CBE next year will be fully funded. However, we will continue to be challenged with inflationary pressures.

Over the next few weeks we will be developing our detailed budget and will have a better idea of the pressures we still face.

We will continue to make decisions based on our values and the needs of the community: students come first, learning is our central purpose, and public education serves the common good.

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