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CBE Board of Trustees cuts its budget by 10 per cent for 2013-14

CALGARY—In response to a difficult budget year, trustees with the Calgary Board of Education today approved reducing their budget by \$182,710 for 2013-14.

The reduction in the Board of Trustees' budget contributes to a total year-over-year reduction of 13.5 per cent. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a budget for 2013-14 of \$1.549 million.

“Faced with a difficult budget, the Board of Trustees wanted to ensure we were doing our part to minimize the impact on classrooms by cutting the trustees budget,” said Pat Cochrane, chair of the Board of Trustees. “This is in line with CBE Administration’s commitment to also reduce costs to put students first.”

The CBE faces a \$62-million shortfall in provincial funding this year.

Trustees voted unanimously on April 16 to reduce their own pay by 3.5 per cent effective Sept. 1. They also directed Administration to bring a proposal to reduce the Board of Trustees’ budget by at least 10 per cent. That report was presented and approved at a public meeting of the Board of Trustees today.

For details on how the Board of Trustees is cutting its budget, see report at [board meetings](#).

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