

Trustee Report
May 9, 2017

1. Provincial Budget came out March 16. Given the economic climate it can be considered a good news budget for Education, but it does come with some challenges that we will need to work through. EIPS will see a decrease of \$899,000 through High School Credit Earn Unit (CEU) Grant. The government has capped CEU at 45. Currently it is capped at 60 CEU. The savings to the government will be redirected to cover \$10M of the \$54M that will cover the expense of Bill 1. Bev Facey students earn 1807 CEU above the 45 CEU cap. This means that EIPS and therefore the school will not receive revenue for those CEUs. There has been no increases to the per student grants for K-9. Boards did not receive any dollars to address increase costs or carbon levy. A number of additional efficiencies have been made centrally. In order to protect learning in the classroom the Board has approved the use of \$800,000 to be used from reserves to cover an 2017/18 operating budget shortfall. Fees and Budget Allocations to schools and departments were approved at the Board's April 20th Board meeting. Allocations to schools have increased by 0.9%.
2. April 20th Board meeting the Board approved the fees for the 2017/18 school year. There were no increases in student transportation fees. The Learning Resource Fee has been eliminated due to Bill 1. An Act to Reduce School Fees has received royal assent and is expected to be proclaimed this month. The Act includes the elimination of supplies and materials fees which includes textbooks, workbooks, photocopying and printing or paper. This also includes fees instructional supplies and materials which were charged to an entire student body or grade cohort. Bill 1 also includes the elimination of student transportation fees to those students attend their designated school and reside more than 2.4Km. EIPS never charged a fee for this in the past, so parents won't see a change. EIPS pay for ride and school of choice families will continue to be charged a fee.

School Boards do not receive funding for students who live less than 2.4km from their designated school and attend their designated school. They also do not receive funds for those students who attend a school/program of choice. These fall outside the mandate of student transportation and therefore considered parental choice. These are not impacted by Bill 1.
3. Plans are underway to hold information sessions for those residents who live in Heritage Hills and families of Wye school about the recent replacement school approval. We are in the process of coordinating with Strathcona County in setting a June date for the resident information session. Residents will be informed of the dates through direct mail, road signs, newspaper ads and social media. Parents of students residing in Wye attendance area will receive emails directly from EIPS.
4. Enjoy the many celebrations that will be taking place at your schools over the final weeks of this school year and we look forward to seeing you again this fall.