



# NEWSFLASH

March 11, 2019

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Trustees with students from Grade 3 at Maple Leaf School.

Other hi-lites from the meeting included:

- The Board approved the **2019-20 budget in compliance with the Provincial direction in regards to the 2% Special Requirement increase and 2% reduction to the Administrative Cap**. The budgeted operating expenditures for the 2019-20 fiscal year totals \$21,469,206 which is an increase in the operating expenditures of 2.32% from the 2018-19 budget. The 2019 Special Levy has been set at \$9,338,008 which represents a Mill Rate of 15.32 and is a decrease of 0.06 mills from the 2018 Mill Rate of 15.38. Transfers to capital are budgeted at \$323,638 for 2019-20. The net deficit for 2019/2020 is projected to be \$49,502. The forecasted accumulated surplus will decrease to 3.54% from the current year projection of 3.86% of operating expenditures as calculated by FRAME reporting.
- The Board received a presentation by Mandi Zacharias and her **Grade 3 students** from Maple Leaf School on their **Structures Projects**.
- The Board passed a **motion requesting Schools Finance Board allow the division to establish a capital reserve**, for the establishment and replacement of running tracks and playground equipment.
- Trustees discussed the great feedback they received from students during the recent **Student Leadership Forum**. This was a great example of the importance of Local School Boards. Student feedback has influenced budget decisions and will influence future Board Priorities!
- Superintendent Ross reviewed the following items with the Board:
  - A recent meeting held at the Legislature with **Deputy Minister Doak** in regards to uncertainty around a timeline for a new school and the need for modular space while we wait.
  - Supplementary information that will be sent to the Public Schools Finance Board to support our **request for 4 modular units** for next fall. Three of these units (1 each at Minnewasta, Maple Leaf and ÉMMS) are needed to support children with exceptional needs and one (ÉMMS) would be for a regular classroom.
- Secretary-Treasurer Pedersen reviewed the **Year to Date Financial position** with the Board. The division continues to be in a healthy financial position.

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Student Leadership Forum



**The next regular WSD Board meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.**