

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION 2018-2019 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Next year's 2018-2019 Budget will support 12,000 plus learners (including adults) in 25 schools. This Budget preserves but does not enhance programs.
- We've focussed our spending where it makes the most difference for students - in the classroom and on programs that engage students in learning.
- Seven Oaks is consistently the lowest or second lowest spending division in Winnipeg - well below the provincial average.
- Seven Oaks allocates 82.2% of its budget to direct support to students. The provincial average is 78.6%. That's the highest percentage in Manitoba.
- We keep class sizes low.
 - Average Kindergarten to Grade 3 - 20.
 - Average Grade 4 to Grade 8 - 21.
- We have a Lean Administration:
 - 2.7% which is 10% below the new lower provincial cap on administrative expenditure.
- We Continue to Provide Savings for Parents:
 - Low Cost School Supplies - \$120 saving
 - No Charge for Band Instruments - \$220 saving
 - No Charge for Field Trips, Locker Fees – \$50 saving
 - No Charge for Lunch Supervision - \$350 saving
 - \$740 in savings per year, per child
- Our enrolment continues to grow:
 - 2004 – 8,832 students
 - 2017 – 11,524 students
 - 2018 – 11,700 students (estimated) } Up 2,868 students
- Seven Oaks lacks Commercial Assessment
 - This puts an unfair level of responsibility on homeowners.
- After review the Board is proposing a budget that calls for a 2.35% increase, which coupled with a predicted increase in enrolment of 1.5%, translates into only a .85% increase in cost per pupil.
- But that will still result in a 3.4% mill tax increase for homeowners, \$72.29 or \$6.02/month on a house assessed at \$297,000. Last year's increase was \$99.68.