

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION 2019-2020 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven Oaks provincial funding increase this year is 0.
- Next year's 2019-2020 Budget will support 12,000 plus learners (including adults) in 25 schools. This Budget contains some program reductions, further reduces administrative costs and freezes school budgets, capital expenditure and spending on technology.
- 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 one of the lowest spending divisions in Winnipeg - well below the provincial average.
- Seven Oaks allocates 82.8% of its budget to direct support to students. The provincial average is 78.8%. That's the highest percentage in Manitoba.
- We've kept class sizes low.
 - Average Kindergarten to Grade 3 – 19 (2018-2019).
 - Average Grade 4 to Grade 8 – 22 (2018-2019).
- We have a Lean Administration:
 - 2.7% which meets 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
 - 2018 – 11,900 students } Up over 3,000 students
- Seven Oaks lacks Commercial Assessment
 - This puts an unfair level of responsibility on homeowners.
- After review the Board is proposing a budget that sets only a 1.55% increase, which coupled with a predicted increase in enrolment, will translate into a decrease in cost per pupil and reductions in programming.
- The budget will still result in a 1.99% mill rate increase for homeowners, \$43.84 on a house assessed at \$297,000. Last year's increase was \$72.29. Most of this year's increase (\$35.12) is a result of the withdrawal of tax increment grant funding.