



## 2020/21 Budget Changes

The board approved proposed spending plans for the *Provincial Safe Return to School Grant* and the *Federal Safe Return to Class Fund*. Under the provincial grant, the school district received funding for reusable masks/face shields, computers and assistive technology, cleaning supplies, cleaning frequency, and improved hand hygiene. The total allocation to the school district under the provincial grant is \$1,084,402. Under the federal fund, the school district could receive a total annual allocation of up to \$5.3 million. Based on priorities established in its *Restart Plan* and in the context of the board's strategic plan and the feedback collected from education partners, the school district proposed that federal funding be allocated to the general areas of health and safety, transportation, and learning resources and supports. Details about the allocations of both provincial and federal funding are available in the September 23 board agenda package.

Additionally, the board approved the allocation of \$61,825 Indigenous education targeted funding 2019/20 surplus to fund two 20-hour Aboriginal support worker positions for 2020/21.

## Audited Financial Statements

The board approved the Audited Financial Statements, along with the following transfers: the transfer of \$32,500 from the Operating Fund to Local Capital for childcare capital; the transfer of \$140,000 from the Operating Fund to Local Capital for new classroom space; and the transfer of \$2,098,920 from the Operating Fund to the Contingency Reserve for Local Capital.

## Policies and Procedures Update

The board received for information the *Update on Policies and Procedures*, which included the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan for 2020/21.

## Summer Learning Update

Superintendent Russell provided the board with an update on the Summer Learning 2020. This year's Summer Learning program was distributed across three physical locations: remotely through the Zoom and Microsoft Teams platforms, and online through the SD42 online school.

Students in the SD42 Ridge Meadows College Education Assistant certificate program provided additional classroom supports at all grade levels as a part of their final practicum.

This year's Summer Learning program included 334 students registered in the K-7 program at Laity View Elementary, 460 students registered in Secondary Summer Learning, and 152 students participating in the Skill Building program at Thomas Haney Secondary. Additionally, multi-grade students from Katzie Nation participated at the Katzie Health Centre, while students in Grade 7 participated in a secondary transition program at Thomas Haney Secondary.

### **Superintendent's Update**

As a part of her update, Superintendent Russell welcomed back students, families and staff, and spoke about the great amount of work that went into ensuring all schools in the district could open safely for in-class instruction. Superintendent Russell noted that all high schools reopened on a modified quarter system with time built into the day for electives and support. Structural changes at the elementary level were less complicated but included modifications such as some staggered start and break times. Superintendent Russell thanked all staff, students and their families, CUPE, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association, Principals and Vice Principals Association, custodial staff, as well as Fraser Health for the important roles they played in ensuring a safe restart.

### **Good News**

In the good news part of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore worked with the Salvation Army on the backpack initiative, delivering 350 backpacks to Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows students and donating all remaining supplies to Katzie First Nation. Trustee Dumore also noted that the breakfast programs have restarted in the district, and that the Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears and the Salvation Army have partnered together to provide 50 computers to SD42 students. Trustee Murray noted that the Salvation Army lunch program would be restarting shortly and may need volunteer drivers. Trustee Trudeau spoke about the BCSTA Indigenous Education committee meeting and also expressed her appreciation for the work senior team is doing in engaging partner groups. Trustees thanked all staff, senior team, partner groups, and families for working so well together in challenging times.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on October 21, 2020. The live stream will be available on the school district YouTube channel and the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/online-board-meetings>.**