

### **Proposed Preliminary Budget and Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27**

Secretary Treasurer Rennie presented the Annual Budget Bylaw for 2026/27 for second and third readings. The operating budget is balanced and reflects the trade-offs required to maintain core classroom and student-facing supports within available funding. While phase 2 of public engagement (April 16-22, 2026) did not result in changes to the proposed budget, the feedback received will inform ongoing advocacy with the province and future budget development. A full overview of feedback received in phases 1 and 2 of the 2026/27 budget process, including clarifications on recurring themes, is available in the [public engagement summary document](#).

The board was asked to direct any available 2025/26 operating surplus to the local capital fund to address \$7.59M in identified capital pressures, first topping up the contingency reserve (\$0.53M) and temporary classroom funding (\$0.65M), with any remainder split 50/25/25 across the IT, facilities equipment, and non-school facilities renewal capital plans.

### **Indigenous Education Council Meetings on the 2026/27 Budget**

Deputy Superintendent Schwarz presented the Indigenous Education Council's (IEC) approved 2026/27 spending plan for Indigenous education targeted funding. As set out in the *School Act*, the IEC directs how these targeted funds are spent.

The Ministry of Education and Child Care's 2026/27 allocation reflects a \$139,620 decrease tied to a decline in projected enrolment. The IEC's approved plan reallocates \$127,674 of this reduction from services and supplies to salaries and benefits.

The IEC also reviewed the 2026/27 preliminary budget on April 22, 2026, and identified no items requiring board consideration.

**The next Board of Education public meeting will be at 6:00 pm on May 13, 2026.**