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2019-2020 Budget

Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) has a total budget of \$79.5 million and provides Catholic education services to the citizens of Strathcona County, Fort Saskatchewan, Camrose and Vegreville. The Division serves over 7,794 funded students and 164 community students from Early Childhood (ECS) to Grade Twelve (7,556 Full Time Equivalent as ECS are considered half) within seventeen schools and one learning centre. Overall, the Division is expecting a \$94 thousand deficit for the upcoming year.

Elk Island Catholic Schools has 7,556 full-time equivalent (FTE) students (ECS at 0.5) enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade twelve in the 2018-19 school year which is an increase of 39 FTE students over the previous year. Enrolments are funded based on actual enrolments at September 30, which determines the division's annual funding.

Elk Island Catholic Schools is dependent on the Provincial Government, which provides 93% of its funding. The impact of the 2019/20 budget has impacted the programs as follows:

Instruction

Instructional grants for the Division are expected to see a 2% cut to rates in the 2019/20 school year along with the elimination off the Classroom Improvement Fund and the Nutrition Grant. Overall, \$2.8 million is expected to be cut from instructional funding when the budget is passed in October.

Administration

The Administration block uses funding from the instructional block and provides the division with central support services. The cap of allowable Administration expenditures currently stands at 3.60% based on expected September 30 enrolments.

Plant Operations and Maintenance

Plant Operations and Maintenance (PO&M) is projected to see a \$28 thousand reduction of operating funds as enrollment growth is offset by an expected 2% cut to funding rates.

Transportation

As transportation revenues are based on an eligible student's distance to their school, the Division's revenues for transportation are expected to increase by \$45 thousand as there is a significant increase in eligible students due to the Sherwood park reconfiguration, offset by a projected 2% cut to funding rates.

NEXT MEETING

August 28

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Superintendent's Report

Catholic Education Parent Advisory Council (CEPAC)

CEPAC met Tuesday, May 28th and discussed a number of topics including the amended resolution at the ASCA AGM. CEPAC supports the Board supporting each school council's yearly ASCA registration. September 23rd has been set for the next CEPAC meeting.

School Act to Education Act

The Minister of Education has declared that the new Education Act will replace the School Act September 1, 2019. The attachment outlines the changes. Over the summer, work will occur to ensure that the proposed changes are reflected in our policies and administrative procedures. Much of this alignment occurred four years ago when the Education Act was close to proclamation. Click on the following documents to see detailed information on the new Education Act.

Education Act Amendments Bill 8
Education Act School Act Comparisons
Education Act Summary

Flag Pole Installation at Central Learning Services

Superintendent Haggarty shared with the EICS Board of Trustees information regarding placing a flag pole outside of the CLS building:

- 1) Two flag poles installed at CLS. One for Canadian and one for Alberta. Quote \$11,700
- 2) One flag pole installed that would only fly Canada flag. Quote \$ 7,000

2019-2020 EICS Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting

At the June 19, 2019 public meeting, the EICS Board of Trustees had the 2019-2020 Organizational Meeting and the following governance changes were voted into place:

Board Chair: Ted Paszek
Vice-Chair: LeAnn Ewaskiw

Trustees also went through the Committee Membership and School Designation listings and put forward their names for the upcoming year. A full listing of this revised list will be available within the minutes that will be tabled at the next EICS Board of Trustees meeting.

Upcoming Events

Opening Faith Day:	Wednesday, August 28, 2019	8:30-12:00 p.m.
EICS Public Board Meeting:	Wednesday, August 28, 2019	2:30- 5:30 p.m.