

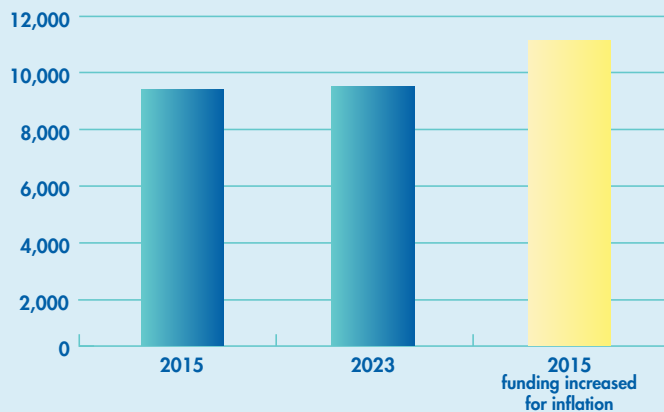
# Regina Public Schools

## 2023-2024 Budget Highlights



The Regina Board of Education provides governance direction and public accountability for Pre-K to Grade 12 education. Regina Public Schools serves a diverse and growing enrolment of over 25,000 students in 57 schools, employing 2,500 staff members and works with families, community groups, and education partners to ensure that all children and youth learn, grow, and contribute.

### PER STUDENT FUNDING, 2015 AND 2023



### OUR BUDGET

Provincial operating grants make up almost 90% of Regina Public Schools' operating revenue. Operating grants have grown over time, but increases have not kept pace with inflation and student needs.

In 2015, Regina Public Schools received operating funding averaging \$9,710 per student; in 2023, that figure remains almost the same at \$9,731. If 2015 funding had been adjusted for inflation each year, average per student funding would be over \$11,000 in 2023.

The 2023-24 Provincial Budget initially presented a challenging scenario that required a plan for significant spending cuts.

This scenario improved significantly with the June announcement of additional Provincial funding for education.

**March 2023 Provincial Budget:**  
increase of \$2.5 million (1%) in operating grant and decrease of \$0.5 million (9%) in Preventive Maintenance and Renewal grant.

**June 2023 Funding Announcement:**  
further increase of \$2.4 million for class size and composition plus \$3.2 million for additional enrolment growth.

While welcome and impactful, the additional funding was not sufficient to fully offset all planned reductions. In developing the 2023-24 budget, Regina Public Schools prioritized:

- Achieving a sustainable budget that provides stable programs and services for students and an equitable work environment for employees.
- Adding teaching staff to address enrolment increases.
- Investing in strategic priorities to support student achievement.



More than 95% of Regina Public Schools' budget will be spent on instruction and school operations:

## OUR PRIORITIES

### INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

- ✓ New instructional coaches to provide targeted literacy support.
- ✓ New supportive environment program.
- ✓ Expand STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) at F.W. Johnson Collegiate.
- ✓ Support land-based learning programs.
- ✗ Shortfall in funding necessitates an increase in teacher to student ratios.

### EARLY YEARS GROWTH

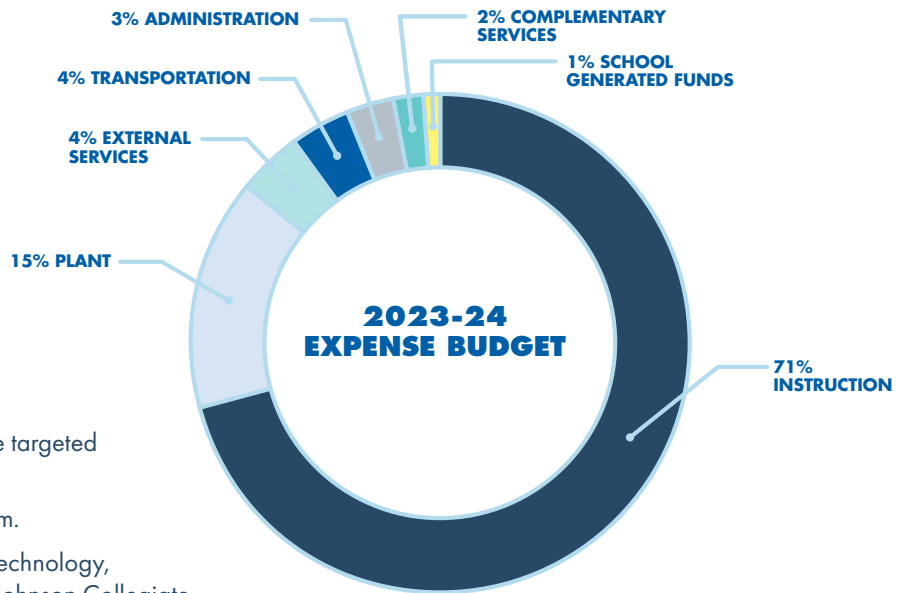
- ✓ New early years intensive support team integrating teachers, educational assistants, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and counsellors to provide proactive, targeted interventions.
- ✓ Early learning intensive support programs in all schools with Pre-Kindergartens.

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- ✓ Refresh and enhance mental health and well-being strategy.
- ✓ Maintain full-time role for Guidance Counsellors and add an Indigenous Advocate position.

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

- ✓ Increase division-level leadership capacity.
- ✓ Develop a workplace culture and engagement strategy that attracts, retains, and engages employees.



### RENEW AND MAINTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ Proceed with design and construction of North Regina Joint Use Elementary School, Harbour Landing West Elementary School, and Campbell Collegiate foundation projects.
- ✓ Complete a division-wide energy sustainability plan.
- ✓ Implement additional technology security measures and refresh technology in schools.
- ✗ Requests for a second southeast elementary school and new southeast high school were not approved.
- ✗ Reduction in Preventive Maintenance and Renewal grants requires a reduction in facility maintenance spending.

### STRATEGIC AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL PLANNING

- ✗ Spending reductions are required to manage within available funding, including reductions to noon supervision allocations, division office staff and operating budgets, technology renewal, and school-based teaching positions as well as noon supervision fee increases.
- ✓ Sustainable base budget and lower operating deficit.

## OUR CHALLENGE AHEAD

This spring, students, parents, school community councils, and education partners spoke up for publicly funded education. Thanks to the additional Provincial funding, Regina Public Schools can continue to move the system forward for the benefit of students.

For students and public education to thrive, timely, predictable, and adequate funding is needed each year. The Regina Board of Education is committed

to working toward that objective, to being responsive to its communities, and to advocating for public education.

This information sheet provides an overview of the 2023-24 Budget. More detail is available on our website at: [https://www.reginapublicschools.ca/board\\_documents](https://www.reginapublicschools.ca/board_documents).

