

# Regina Public Schools

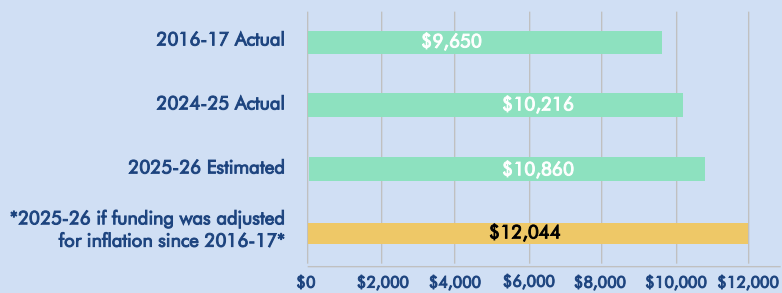
## 2025-2026 Budget Highlights



Regina Public Schools (RPS) serves a diverse and growing enrolment of more than 27,000 students in 57 schools; employs more than 2,600 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff members; and works with families, community-based organizations, other levels of government and education partners to achieve our 2023-2027 Strategic Plan priorities.

### PROVINCIAL FUNDING

#### AVERAGE FUNDING PER STUDENT



In 2016, RPS received operating funding averaging \$9,650 per student. If 2016 funding is adjusted for inflation, it would be equivalent to approximately \$12,044 per student or \$329 million in total for 2025. Actual 2025 average operating funding per student is \$10,860 per student or \$297 million in total.



- ◆ Ministry of Education operating grants make up 90% of RPS' total revenues and 98% of all revenue when including capital and other provincial grants.
- ◆ While provincial funding increased significantly in 2025, overall, **Provincial operating funding has not kept pace with inflation** resulting in increased pupil teacher ratios, longer wait times for specialized programming, infrastructure backlogs, and depleted financial reserves over the past nine years.

**The March 2025 Provincial Budget represented a positive step in addressing several funding concerns raised over the last few years**, including targeted funding to begin to address classroom complexity and intensive support challenges, and the need for increased Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) funding. **However, funding to address increased salary and inflation costs as well as increased student enrolment fell short, requiring the Division to take a number of expense reduction actions.**



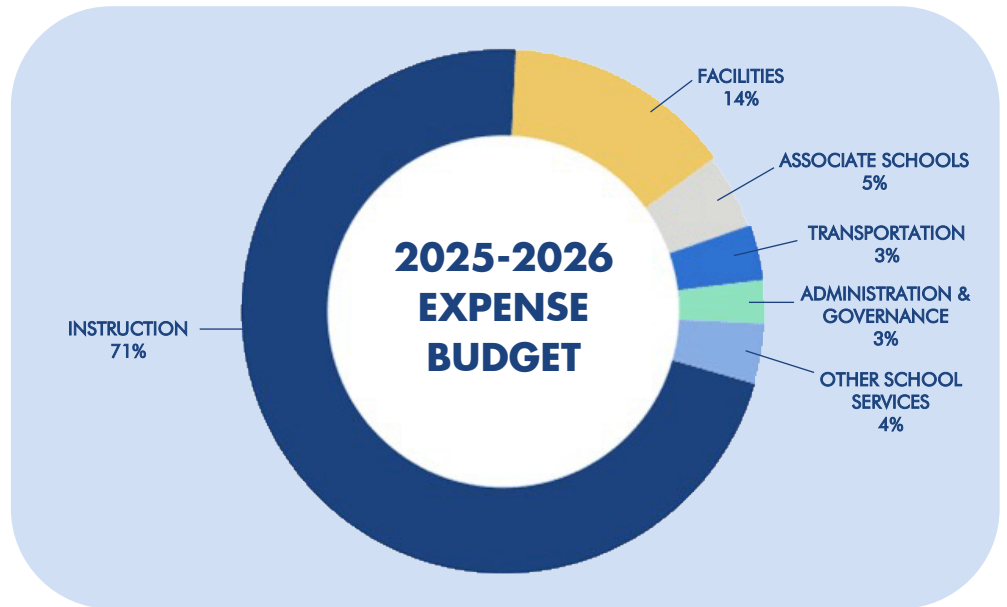
- ◆ RPS' operating budget for 2025-2026 is \$317.4M.
- ◆ Of the \$24M of increased operating funding received in 2025-2026, **52.5% of it is restricted** for specific purposes (e.g., classroom complexity) and not available to fund salary, inflation or enrolment increases.



- ◆ The Regina Board of Education approved a balanced budget for 2025-2026, the first balanced budget since 2012-2013.
- ◆ Balancing the budget is important to ensure long-term financial sustainability of Regina Public Schools and its ability to meet the needs of students, staff and our community.



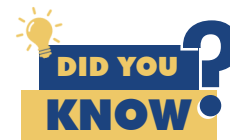
- ◆ 97% of the operating budget is spent on instruction, school operations and transportation.
- ◆ 3% of the operating budget is spent on administration and governance.
- ◆ Approximately 79% of the operating budget is spent on salaries and benefits.



### Expense Reduction Actions

To balance the budget, expense reduction actions of \$2.6 million were required, including:

- ◆ reducing the facility maintenance budget and not funding inflation for Facilities and Information Technology (\$800,000),
- ◆ reduction of one Structured Learning Classroom (\$240,000),
- ◆ restructuring the elementary school band program (\$450,000) and
- ◆ eliminating funding for the high school transition program that was using unrestricted funds and establishing an equivalent program using restricted funding (\$1.1 million).



- ◆ The reduction of one Structured Learning Classroom was made possible by the additional provincial investment in seven specialized support classrooms.
- ◆ Elementary band program grades 6 to 8 students will continue to have access to quality band instruction.



- ◆ The budget funds 2,632 FTE positions, of which 63% are teachers, and a further 31% are school-based support and facilities staff.

### Capital Projects

Provincial capital funding is included in the budget for:

- ◆ second joint-use elementary school in Harbour Landing West,
- ◆ completion of tawāw joint-use elementary school replacing Imperial and McDermid schools,
- ◆ Campbell Collegiate foundation repairs,
- ◆ a new southeast joint-use elementary school and
- ◆ pre-planning of a new southeast joint-use high school.

### Addressing Classroom Complexity

New investments to address classroom complexity challenges supporting RPS' strategic priority of **Engaged & Successful Students** include:

- ◆ expansion of Vocational Alternative Program to three high schools,
- ◆ adding a Functional Transition Classroom at Judge Byrant School,
- ◆ adding a Functional Integrated Academic Program at W.F. Ready School,
- ◆ seven additional Specialized Support Classrooms in seven schools and
- ◆ 46 additional teachers in 46 schools to support classroom complexity challenges.



- ◆ Preventative Maintenance and Renewal capital funding increased by \$1.4 million or 25.6%.

Students, staff and schools need predictable, sustainable and adequate funding. RPS thanks Regina families and all stakeholders for their support of public education.



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