

SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION INVESTS IN STUDENT SUCCESS WITH 2024/25 BUDGET

The Seven Oaks School Board of Trustees carefully deliberated and unanimously approved a budget that includes very modest increases in staffing (teachers & support staff) due to an enrolment growth of 200 students along with preserving class size and parent friendly programming.

Additionally, the budget accounts for costs that may be incurred due to construction delays associated with École Pimatisiwin, a K-8 dual track school, located in Aurora at North Pointe. These costs include addressing student transportation needs along with providing accommodations in existing schools to minimize the challenges related to high enrolment.

The budget of 190 million will support 12,400 students in Seven Oaks twenty-seven schools. Seven Oaks will continue to direct its resources to the classroom where they're needed most. Seven Oaks directs 83% of its budget directly to the classroom. The provincial average is 79.2%.

Homeowners will see a tax increase of 2%, which translates to a net tax increase of approximately \$26.64 on a home valued at \$400,000.

Seven Oaks Board Chair Maria Santos expressed confidence about the approved budget, stating, "This reflects our dedication to student success and commitment to providing the best possible education for our students. We are determined to navigate challenges effectively, ensuring that our schools continue to be spaces of growth and learning."

For more information on the 2024/2025 Seven Oaks School Division budget, please contact Tony Kreml, Superintendent of Seven Oaks School Division.