

## SEVEN OAKS SCHOOL DIVISION 2017-2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- Next year's 2017-2018 Budget will support 11,700 students in 24 schools. This Budget preserves but does not enhance programs.
- We've focussed our spending where it makes the most difference for students - in the classroom and on programs that engage students in learning.
- Seven Oaks is consistently the lowest or second lowest spending division in Winnipeg - well below the provincial average.
- Seven Oaks allocates 82.2% of its budget to direct support to students. The provincial average is 78.6%. That's the highest percentage in Manitoba.
- We keep class sizes low.
  - Average Kindergarten to Grade 3 - 19.
  - Average Grade 4 to Grade 8 - 21.
- We have a Lean Administration:
  - 2.9% of budget.
  - Provincial average - 3.5%.
- We Continue to Provide Savings for Parents:
  - Low Cost School Supplies - \$120 saving
  - No Charge for Band Instruments - \$220 saving
  - No Charge for Field Trips, Locker Fees – \$50 saving
  - No Charge for Lunch Supervision - \$350 saving
  - \$740 in savings per year, per child
- Our enrolment continues to grow:
  - 2004 – 8,832 students
  - 2016 – 11, 439 students
  - 2017 – 11,700 students (estimated)

} Up 2,868 students
- Seven Oaks lacks Commercial Assessment – City of Winnipeg Commercial Assessment has declined by \$17.6 million or 5%. This puts an increased tax load on residential property.
- Trustees have worked to lobby for more equalization and a fair system of school funding. This year their efforts translated into a 3.4% funding increase for Seven Oaks.
- After review the Board is now proposing a budget that calls for a 3.54% increase.
- But that will still result in an 8/10 mill tax increase for homeowners, \$105.75 on a house assessed at \$293,000. Last year's increase was \$122.85.