

2021-22 Ministry of Education Budget Summary

- Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$1.96 billion in school operating funding for the 2021-22 school year. This is an increase of \$19.2 million more than last school year.
- The \$19.2 million increase includes full funding for the 2.0 per cent salary increase as part of the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- There is nearly \$15.0 million in operating grants for qualified independent schools and historical high schools. This includes an increase of \$3.1 million for qualified independent schools to address increased costs, including increased enrolment.
- Pandemic supports for fall 2021 were announced on March 11, 2021, as part of the 2020-21 provincial COVID-19 contingency fund, including \$20.7 million in approved funding to school divisions and independent schools to assist with sanitation, substitute teacher costs, PPE and ensuring proper supports for students are in place for fall 2021.

School Infrastructure:

There is \$189.9 million for school capital, an increase of \$22.3 million or 13.3 per cent, as part of the province's ongoing capital plan, including:

- \$101.9 million to support 21 ongoing capital projects to build 16 new schools and renovate five existing schools including:
 - completing construction on a new elementary school in Weyburn that is set to open in fall 2021, consolidating three existing schools;
 - beginning construction on a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools in Regina to replace Argyle and St. Pius elementary schools;
 - completing design and beginning construction as early as spring 2022 on:
 - a new elementary school to replace Princess Alexandra, King George and Pleasant Hill elementary schools in Saskatoon;
 - a new elementary school to replace St. Frances Elementary School in Saskatoon;
 - a new Francophone elementary school in Regina;
 - a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools in Regina's Harbour Landing neighborhood;
 - a joint-use facility with two elementary schools to replace St. Peter, St. Michael, Imperial and McDermid elementary schools in Regina;
 - a joint-facility with two new elementary schools in Moose Jaw to consolidate four existing schools;
 - a new school to consolidate the elementary school and high school in Carrot River;
 - a new elementary school to replace Ducharme Elementary School in La Loche;
 - a new Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) school to replace Blaine Lake Composite School;
 - a new K-12 school to replace and consolidate the elementary school and high school in Lanigan;
 - renovations to Yorkton Regional High School;
 - renovations and addition to John Paul II Collegiate in North Battleford;
 - renovations and addition to Holy Rosary High School in Lloydminster;
 - renovations and addition to Lloydminster Comprehensive High School; and,
 - renovations and addition to Athol Murray College of Notre Dame.
- \$8.8 million to complete 15 maintenance projects around the province, as part of the government's two-year, \$25.9 million stimulus funding commitment.
- \$67.9 million in ongoing funding for preventative maintenance, renewal and emergency funding, which includes \$12.0 million from the *Canada-Saskatchewan Climate Action Initiative Fund*.

- \$10.33 million for relocatable classrooms including:
 - \$4.67 million for 10 joint-use school relocatable classrooms for the 2021-22 school year at:
 - École Holy Mary Catholic School in Martensville;
 - École Wascana Plains and St. Kateri Tekakwitha schools in Regina;
 - Ernest Lindner, St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Lorenzo Ruiz schools in Saskatoon; and,
 - Holy Trinity Catholic School in Warman; and,
 - \$5.66 million for relocatable classrooms for the 2022-23 school year.
- \$1.0 million for school facility assessments.

Early Years and Child Care

- \$100.8 million for child care and early learning, which includes:
 - \$75.5 million for licensed child care, which includes approximately \$13.6 million from the *Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Agreement*. Also included is an increase of \$2 million in provincial funding, which includes the community-based organization (CBO) increase for child care providers.
 - The provincial funding provides increased grant funding for new and existing licensed child care homes, including an equipment grant of \$300 per year/space, up from \$150 per year/space. The nutrition grant is increased by \$20 per month/space to \$80 per month/space. The one-time start up grant for new homes has increased by \$500 to \$3,325.
 - The government is also working towards increasing the number of child care spaces in the province with an aim of creating 176 new licensed home-based spaces and 51 new licensed centre spaces in 2021-22, as part of the four-year commitment to create 750 new spaces;
 - \$16.3 million in funding for *KidsFirst*, an increase of \$256,000 for the CBO increase; and,
 - \$4.5 million for Early Childhood Intervention Programs, an increase of \$70,000 for the CBO increase.
- \$2.5 million for Child Nutrition Programs, an increase of \$38,000 for the CBO increase.

Libraries and Literacy

- \$11.3 million in ongoing supports for libraries including:
 - \$6.1 million in resource sharing grants for the seven regional library systems;
 - Nearly \$1 million in resource sharing grants for Pakkisiimon Nuyeqáh Library System in Northern Saskatchewan;
 - \$1.4 million for municipal libraries in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert; and,
 - \$2.8 million to support accessible library services and infrastructure including internet connectivity and the Single Integrated Library System.
- \$1.0 million to support Saskatchewan's literacy programs, including:
 - \$550,000, an increase of \$9,000 for the CBO increase for the network of eight Family Literacy Hubs; and,
 - \$500,000 to continue to support the summer literacy programs provided by eight school divisions.

Joint Task Force on Improving Education and Employment Outcomes for First Nations and Métis People

- \$5.1 million in ongoing funding to support the government's ongoing response to the *Joint Task Force on Improving Education and Employment Outcomes for First Nations and Métis People* for the following initiatives:
 - \$2.4 million to continue the Invitational Shared Services Initiative;

- \$2.1 million to continue to support *Following Their Voices* (First Nations and Métis Student Achievement Initiative);
- \$300,000 to continue to support *Help Me Tell My Story* and *Help Me Talk About Math*, interactive tools used to assess Prekindergarten and Kindergarten children's oral language development and Grade 1 students' understanding in mathematics in a fun, innovative way.
- \$200,000 to continue to support *Leading to Learn*, a professional learning opportunity for provincial and First Nations' school principals; and,
- \$145,000 for Microsoft Software Licensing for First Nations' schools.