

# 2022-23 Ministry of Education Budget Summary

- Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$1.99 billion in school operating funding for the 2022-23 school year. This is an increase of \$29.4 million or 1.5 per cent more than the 2021-22 school year.
- The increase in school division funding provides an additional \$6 million for learning supports for students and fully funds the 2.0 per cent salary increase for teachers as part of the Teachers' Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- An additional \$7 million is being provided to school divisions for the 2022-23 school year to hire 200 new Educational Assistants.
- For the 2022-23 school year, there is \$17.5 million in operating grants for qualified independent schools and historical high schools. This includes an increase of \$2.6 million to support increased enrolment and the creation of a new funded independent school category.

## **School Infrastructure:**

There is \$168.6 million for school capital as part of the province's ongoing capital plan, including:

- \$95.2 million to support 20 ongoing capital projects to build 15 new schools and renovate five existing schools including:
  - completing construction on:
    - a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools in Regina to replace Argyle and École St. Pius elementary schools;
    - renovations and addition to Holy Rosary High School in Lloydminster;
  - 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 joint-use facility with two new elementary schools in Moose Jaw to consolidate four existing schools;
    - a new elementary school to replace St. Frances Cree Bilingual School in Saskatoon;
    - a new Francophone elementary school in Regina;
    - a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools to replace St. Peter, St. Michael, Imperial and McDermid elementary schools in Regina;
    - a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools in Regina's Harbour Landing neighborhood;
    - a new school to consolidate the elementary and high schools 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 and high schools in Lanigan;
    - renovations to Yorkton Regional High School;
    - renovations and addition to John Paul II Collegiate in North Battleford;
    - renovations and addition to Lloydminster Comprehensive High School; and,
    - renovations and addition to Athol Murray College of Notre Dame.
- \$4.5 million for the creation of a new minor capital renewal program that will allow school divisions to address structural repairs, renovations, and additions to prolong the life of schools across the province including:
  - renovations at Kyle Composite School; and,
  - renovations at École St. Margaret School in Moose Jaw.
- \$55.9 million for preventative and emergency maintenance;
- \$12.0 million to buy or move relocatable classrooms for the 2023-24 school year; and
- \$1.0 million for school facility assessments.

### **Early Years and Child Care**

- \$309.6 million for early learning and child care and, which includes:
  - \$284.6 million for regulated child care, which includes approximately \$212.2 million from the *Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement* and the *Canada-Saskatchewan Bilateral Early Learning and Child Care Agreement*. Through these agreements, the province will:
    - further reduce parent fees for regulated child care spaces by as early as September 2022;
    - create 6,100 new child care spaces in homes and centres, as part of the goal to create 28,000 new regulated spaces over the next five years;
    - provide \$11.4 million for training initiatives and supports for early childhood educators;
    - provide \$9.0 million for preventative maintenance and repair for child care facilities;
    - provide \$2.3 million for inclusion of children with disabilities in child care facilities;
    - provide \$3.6 million for a one-time Change Management Grant for child care facilities to assist operators with increased administrative costs relating to the facilities providing retroactive payments to parents and child care staff; and,
    - allocate \$2.0 million to upgrade and replace the data system used for licensing child care facilities.
  - \$5.2 million for Early Childhood Intervention Programs, an increase of \$744,000 to address increased demand and waitlists for children experiencing developmental delays and disabilities and for the CBO increase;
  - \$16.6 million in funding for *KidsFirst*, which includes an increase of \$326,000 for the CBO increase; and,
  - \$3.2 million for the Early Years Family Resource Centres, which includes an increase of \$57,000 for the CBO increase;
- \$2.5 million for Child Nutrition Programs, which includes an increase of \$49,000 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 Pahkisimon Nuyeyāh 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.
- \$1.06 million to support Saskatchewan's literacy programs, including:
  - \$559,000, which includes an increase of \$9,000 for the CBO increase, to support the network of nine family literacy hubs; and,
  - \$500,000 to continue to support the summer literacy programs provided by eight school divisions.