

2023-24 Ministry of Education Budget Summary

- Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$2.04 billion in school operating funding for the 2023-24 school year. This is an increase of \$49.4 million or 2.5 per cent over last year's Budget Day allocation.
- There is \$7 million in continued funding to retain the more than 200 Educational Assistants (EAs) that have been hired by school divisions since September 2021.
- School divisions will also receive \$50 million in preventative maintenance funding to proactively maintain school facilities.
- There is \$23 million to support the start-up and operation of the new Saskatchewan Distance Learning Corporation (Sask DLC).
- For the 2023-24 school year, there is \$17.6 million in operating grants for qualified independent schools and historical high schools. This includes an increase of \$78,000 to support increased enrolment for historical high schools.

School Infrastructure

There is \$147.3 million for school infrastructure as part of the province's ongoing capital plan, including:

- \$4.4 million to begin planning on five new major school capital projects, including:
 - a new Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) school to replace and consolidate the elementary and high school in Carlyle;
 - a new K-12 Francophone school to replace École Valois in Prince Albert;
 - a new Francophone elementary school in Saskatoon;
 - renovations and expansion of Greenall High School in Balgonie; and
 - renovations to Campbell Collegiate in Regina.
- \$115.7 million to support 20 ongoing major capital projects to build 15 new schools and renovate five existing schools, including:
 - a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools in Regina to replace Argyle and École St. Pius elementary schools;
 - a new K-12 school to replace Blaine Lake Composite School;
 - a new K-12 school to replace and consolidate the elementary and high schools in Carrot River;
 - a new K-12 school to replace and consolidate the elementary and high schools in Lanigan;
 - a new elementary school to replace Ducharme Elementary School in La Loche;
 - 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 to replace Sacred Heart, St. Mary, Empire and Westmount Schools in Moose Jaw;
 - a new joint-use facility with two elementary schools to replace St. Peter, St. Michael, Imperial and McDermid elementary schools in Regina;
 - 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 in Regina's Harbour Landing neighborhood;
 - renovations and addition to Holy Rosary High School in Lloydminster;
 - renovations and addition to John Paul II Collegiate in North Battleford;
 - renovations and addition to Lloydminster Comprehensive High School;
 - renovations to Yorkton Regional High School; and,
 - renovations and addition to Athol Murray College of Notre Dame.
- \$11.3 million for minor capital renewal projects that allow school divisions to address structural repairs and renovations to prolong the life of schools across the province, including:

- Three new projects:
 - consolidation of the elementary school into the high school in Kelvington;
 - renovations to St. John Community School in Prince Albert; and,
 - renovations to Medstead Central School.
- Two ongoing projects:
 - renovations to Kyle Composite School and École St. Margaret School in Moose Jaw.
- There is \$16 million, an increased investment of \$4 million, to purchase or move relocatable classrooms for the 2024-25 school year.

Early Years and Child Care

- \$382.4 million, an increase of \$72.1 million, for early learning and child care, which includes:
 - \$359.9 million for regulated child care, which includes approximately \$298.2 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:
 - reduce parent fees for regulated child care spaces to \$10 per day starting April 1, 2023;
 - continue to increase the number of regulated home-based and centre-based spaces around the province, as part of the ongoing goal of ensuring families have access to regulated child care; and,
 - provide continued funding for training initiatives and supports for early childhood educators, including developing a work force strategy and wage grid.
- A number of family centered programs including Early Childhood Intervention Programs, *KidsFirst*, Early Years Family Resource Centers, and the Child Nutrition Programs have received a combined increase of \$899,000 through the CBO increase.

Libraries and Literacy

- \$11.6 million, an increase of \$254,000, to support the provincial public library system including:
 - \$6.3 million, an increase of \$182,000 in resource sharing grants for the seven regional library systems;
 - \$1 million, an increase of \$30,000, in resource sharing grants for Pahkisimon Nuyeyááh Library System in Northern Saskatchewan;
 - \$1.4 million, an increase of \$42,000 for municipal libraries in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert; and,
 - \$2.9 million to support accessible library services and infrastructure such as internet connectivity and the Single Integrated Library System.
- Additionally, supports to the public libraries will include a new investment of \$200,000 to refresh the province's central collection of multilingual materials and add materials in Indigenous languages as well as literacy resources in support our growing and diverse province.
- \$1.1 million to support Saskatchewan's literacy programs, including:
 - \$576,000, an increase of \$17,000 as part of the CBO increase, to support family literacy programming, including the network of nine family literacy hubs; and,
 - \$500,000 to continue to support the summer literacy programs provided by eight school divisions.