

2026-27 Ministry of Education Budget Summary

The 2026-27 Budget for the Ministry of Education increases to \$3.6 billion – a two per cent increase over the 2025-26 Budget.

School Operating

Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$2.5 billion in school operating funding for the 2026-27 school year. This is an increase of \$62.2 million, or 2.6 per cent, over last year, including:

- \$28.9 million for salary and benefit increases;
- \$16.3 million for an additional 50 Specialized Support Classrooms;
- \$9.2 million for inflationary pressures; and,
- \$7.8 million for enrolment growth.

School Capital

There is \$123.8 million for new and ongoing school capital as part of the province's capital plan.

New major capital projects include:

- New joint-use middle/high school in Martensville-Warman;
- A new PreK-12 school in Shellbrook to consolidate and replace the existing elementary and high schools; and,
- Major renovation to Esterhazy High School.

Work continues on the following major capital school projects:

- South Corman Park school replacement;
- New Saskatoon Northeast joint-use elementary school (Aspen Ridge);
- New Saskatoon West Public and Catholic elementary schools (Kensington);
- New Saskatoon East joint-use high school (Holmwood);
- New Saskatoon East joint-use elementary school (Brighton);
- Saskatoon elementary school to replace Princess Alexandra, King George and Pleasant Hill elementary schools;
- New Regina East joint-use elementary school (The Towns);
- New Regina East joint-use high school (The Towns);
- New Regina joint-use elementary school (Harbour Landing);
- Carlyle K-12 school to replace and consolidate the elementary and high schools;
- Prince Albert Francophone PreK-12 school to replace École Valois;
- New Saskatoon Francophone elementary school (Kensington);
- Pinehouse high school to replace Minahik Waskahigan High School;
- Renovations and addition to Greenall High School in Balgonie;
- Renovations to Campbell Collegiate in Regina; and,
- Renovations to Swift Current Comprehensive High School.

There is \$18.5 million for new minor capital renewal projects to address structural repairs and renovations to prolong the life of schools across the province.

The six new projects are:

- A project at Christopher Lake to demolish and rebuild a portion of the school;
- A project to convert oil heating systems to propane in six northern schools in the Northern Lights School Division;
- A roofing project at Laird School;

- A renovation project at the Estevan Comprehensive High School to replace the HVAC and electrical systems;
- A roof replacement project at École de Bellegarde School; and,
- A roof replacement at Spiritwood High School.

Work continues on the following minor capital projects:

- Completion of the Canora Composite School roof and exterior repairs;
- Completion of the renovation project at Barr Colony School in Lloydminster;
- Completion of the new roof replacement at St. Olivier School in Radville;
- Completion of the renovation and roof repair at Waldheim School;
- Completion of the gym at Moswakanisihk Community School in Jans Bay;
- Completion of the renovation at Medstead Central School; and,
- Completion of the renovation at École St. Margaret in Moose Jaw.

There is \$20 million for the Relocatable Classroom Program which gives school divisions flexibility to manage local pressures. School divisions apply annually for relocatable classrooms and requests are prioritized based on projected enrolments.

Preventative Maintenance and Renewal

\$65 million for Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR). The program provides funding for school divisions to address aging school infrastructure maintenance and repair needs.

Early Years and Child Care

\$425.5 million, an increase of \$12.3 million, which includes funding for federal-provincial early learning and child care agreements.

The funding will support early years programs and services including:

- Maintaining \$10 per day child care for children under six and, as of April 1, 2026, expanding coverage to include children who turn six on or after April 1, 2026, while in Kindergarten until the end of the school year in June;
- Funding for child care facilities to support core operating expenses; and,
- Continuing to support the child care sector to increase the number of child care spaces in operation.

Libraries and Literacy

The 2026-27 Budget provides Saskatchewan's library system with:

- \$11.7 million to support the provincial public library system, an increase of \$175,000. This includes funding for public library operating grants as well as other services such as internet access and services for people with print disabilities.
- \$1.1 million for funded literacy organizations to support family literacy initiatives.