



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Committee of the Whole, Budget 2024-2025 Budget Process

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Learning



Well-Being



Social Responsibility

Compliance Piece

- The District operates on a fiscal year that runs from 1 September to 31 August;
- Prior to the start of each fiscal year, and in compliance with the *Education Act*, the Board is required to approve a budget before the end of June that articulates how the District will use its resources to meet the needs of its students and the broader school community; and
- Planning for the 2024-2025 fiscal year has already commenced. However, the preliminary guidance from the Ministry of Education has not yet been received. District staff anticipate that the budget approval timeline established by the *Education Act* will be met.



Proposed Budget Schedule

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| Monday, December 11, 2023 | Committee of the Whole, Budget 2024-2025 Budget Process and Overview 2022-2023 Financials Results 2023-2024 Revised Estimates Financial Analysis of Priority Areas: •Transportation; •Special Education; •Mental Health and Well-Being; •Cost pressures related to facilities, renovations and new builds; •Employee Replacement Costs; and •Cybersecurity. |
| Tuesday, January 30, 2024 | Committee of the Whole, Budget 2023-2024 Revised Estimates 2024-2025 Budget Process Needs Analysis |
| Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | Committee of the Whole, Budget Presentation 2024-25 Budget Process Presentation for Discussion 2024-2025 Academic Staffing |
| Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | Committee of the Whole, Budget Presentation for Approval 2024-2025 Academic Staffing |
| Tuesday, May 14, 2024 | Committee of the Whole, Budget Update, including information on Ministry grants (GSNs) |
| Monday, May 27, 2024 | Committee of the Whole, Budget Presentation of the staff-recommended budget |
| Monday, June 3 2024 | Committee of the Whole, Budget Public delegations and committee questions Budget debate commences |
| Monday, June 10, 2024 (if required) | Committee of the Whole, Budget Budget debate (if required) and recommendation to the Board |
| Wednesday, June 12, 2024 (if required) | Committee of the Whole, Budget Budget debate (if required) and recommendation to the Board |
| Monday, June 24, 2024 | Board Budget Approval |



Budget Development Considerations

- The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board recently released a new 5-year Strategic Plan; therefore, any new investments should advance the Board's updated strategic priorities of learning, well-being, and social responsibility;
- The provincial funding model is expected to be status quo and may not fully address inflationary pressures;
- Using all the current available information, the Planning staff are currently forecasting enrolment to remain steady with no significant growth in 2025. There will be an opportunity to adjust this through the Budget Process if we receive different indicators;
- Board is in a vulnerable position with no resources to deal with unexpected expenses; and
- Although additional resources are not expected there are many ways to advance the work of the strategic plan within the available resources.



Next Steps

- The approval of the academic Staffing is the first big step but we are a long way from a staff recommended Budget;
- It will be key for the budget process to understand the resources provided by the Ministry; and
- It will also be key for more time to pass to understand our expenses.



Questions?



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Needs Analysis

- Transportation;
- Special Education;
- Mental Health and Well-Being;
- Capital and Facilities;
- Replacement Costs; and
- Cyber Security.



Transportation

| Analysis of Needs -Transportation | | |
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| Funding: Ministry portion is enveloped and shortfall is GSN | | |
| | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
| Ministry Funding | | 48.8M |
| OCDSB Budget | | 51.8M |
| Shortfall | | (3.0M) |
| Shortfall with 100% Service | | (7.0M) |
| Projected Shortfall FY24/25 | | (6.0M) |

Pressures

Inflation with new contracts will continue to put financial pressure on the service
 Increased eligibility will not be funded at this point while in the transitional phase
 The Funding Formula continues to mature but leaves us a gap in resources

Needs

OSTA needs increased capacity to service our students
 Vendor stability is a critical component in safe reliable transportation

Opportunities

Bell Time Review may offer opportunities for efficiencies
 We may need to look at eligibility standards within the two boards
 Program Review could also offer efficiency opportunities
 Delivery Model change within OSTA could help (shift from vans to small yellows)
 Deloittee Report could offer some understanding of the issues OSTA faces



Replacement Costs

| Analysis of Needs -Replacement Costs | | |
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| Funding: All GSN funding | | |
| | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
| Ministry Funding | | 15.6M |
| OCDSB Budget | | 32.7M |
| Shortfall | | (17.1M) |
| Projected Shortfall FY24/25 | | (20.0M) |

Pressures

Wage Growth will increase these costs indirectly

Needs

There is a need for Increased release time to support strategic initiatives

Employee supports are directly tied to Employee Wellness

Opportunities

Wellness programs are a key to reducing some of these replacement costs

Professional development also reduces risk of injury and burnout

