2024-25 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Operating funding has increased by 7.7% for 2024-25; however, this increase will not come close to addressing the significant increase in student need.

- 7.4% of the 7.7% increase in funding is required for enrolment growth and inflation.
- Consequently, there is not enough money in the budget to decrease average class size OR adequately address the issue of classroom complexity.

Note: The provincial government has sole responsibility for funding all aspects of education; boards of education have no other source of revenue with some minor exceptions (e.g., federal government funding for Jordan’s Principle; lunch supervision fees to partially offset actual costs).

SIGNIFICANT COST INCREASES PROJECTED FOR 2024-25

- **$3M**: Salaries for 30 additional teachers due to enrolment growth
- **$2.8M**: Salaries for other employee groups and employer contributions for CPP and EI
- **$186K**: Carbon tax on utilities
- **$2M**: Inflationary increases in transportation, insurance, licenses and service contracts

FUNDING HAS NOT KEPT UP WITH INFLATION

The graph to the right shows the change in per student funding since 2016-17. The blue line shows per student funding IF we were funded based on inflation.