



District Budget Input

2016-17 Budget Preparation
March 8, 2016

Timelines – 2016-17

- School / Partner Group Engagement – January / February
- **Presentation of Summary Feedback – March 8th**
- Ministry Financial Announcement – March 15th
- Update on Budget Process – April 12th
- Draft Budget Recommendations – April 26th
- Updated Budget Recommendations – May 10th
- Budget Adoption – May 17th

Guiding Questions

- With the curriculum implementation what areas should be given priority for support (please be as specific as possible – e.g. specific grade levels, subject areas, teacher pro-d, parent education, etc.)?
- To ensure that our learners are receiving a relevant and engaging learning experience, our schools and staff need to be supported with appropriate resources. Beyond, curriculum, which areas should be given priority and / or additional attention in the 2016/17 budget?

Curriculum Themes

- Aboriginal Education (most common item)
- All subject areas were included – particular references to shifts in science and social studies and the need for in-service and resources
- Technology – Fresh Grade, Google Classroom, Coding
- Both print and digital resources given attention (math was a priority for digital) and both school resourcing and district licensing seen as important
- Maintenance of structures including innovation grants, innovation teachers
- Importance of collaboration time for teachers

Curriculum Themes (2)

- Parent Education – including support in multiple languages
- Self-regulation (professional and resource support)
- Particular support for unique programs like French Immersion
- LGBTQ+ resources for schools
- Visual and performing arts and physical activity also were included

Additional Supports

- Technology – hardware (teacher replacements), student devices, wi-fi, projectors, sound amplification systems, website improvements, support for MyEd BC, School Cash, online report cards
- Non-enrolling staff – Counselling, Learning Support and Teacher-Librarian time
- EA and Clerical Support for students and schools
- School specific facility projects and access to facilities (e.g. community gyms)

Next Steps

- All budget feedback including this summary and individual forms will be posted to the website
- Feedback will be used as we develop recommendations for April