



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

May 25, 2022



2022-2023 BUDGET

The Board approved the 2022-2023 Budget Report for BGSD with revenues of \$146,575,766 and expenses of \$149,253,752 resulting in a \$2,677,986 deficit budget.

This deficit will be supported through the use of operating reserves. The planned deficit will be used to provide a second year of increased instructional supports for numeracy and literacy, support a comprehensive wellness plan at each school and maintain smaller class sizes.



LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION - EXEMPTION ON OPERATING RESERVES

Associate Superintendent Volkman explained that effective August 31, 2023, the Minister of Education has introduced a maximum limit on operating reserves for school jurisdictions. The maximum limit is equivalent to the jurisdiction's System Administration percentage, which is 3.15% for BGSD.

The Board will submit a letter to the Minister of Education requesting a one year exemption to the maximum limit on operating reserves in order to carry forward an additional \$1.1 million over the cap to the 2023-2024 school year to fund a third year of the Division's COVID Gap Recovery Strategy which includes literacy, numeracy and wellness.

2022-2023 STUDENT FEES

At the March 2022 Regular Board meeting, the Board approved increases to transportation fees in order to maintain current service levels and an increase to technology fees to support the purchase of student Chromebooks, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Administration is recommending that all other Division fees remain the same as the previous year for 2022-2023. School-Based Fees are set on a cost recovery basis. Due to inflation, it is expected that costs related to offering enhanced courses (i.e., CTS, Band, etc.) as well as student excursions and extra-curricular activities will increase. Schools have been asked to keep school-based fee increases to a minimum, while still providing them with the flexibility to set the fee at a rate that can cover the enhanced course or activity.

The Board approved the 2022-2023 Student Fee Schedule.

BGSD 2022-2025 EDUCATION PLAN APPROVAL

Black Gold School Division Education Plan
2022 - 2025



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The Board approved the BGSD 2022-2025 Education Plan as presented.

This year's education plan emphasizes the Division's priorities, the goals associated with these priorities and identifies local and provincial measures and will be shared with BGSD schools, the public (via the Division website) and with Alberta Education.



NEW AND EXTENDED LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

The Board approved the use of the following Locally Developed Course:

- **Creative Writing and Publishing 25-5**
 - ♦ Authorized from September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023

The Board approved the extension of use for the following Locally Developed Courses:

- **Psychology – Abnormal 35-3**
 - ♦ Authorized from September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2026
- **Technical Theatre 15-3, 15-5, 25-3, 25-5, 35-3, 35-5**
 - ♦ Authorized from September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2026
- **Competencies in Math (2022) 15-3, 15-5**
 - ♦ Authorized from September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2026
- **Learning Strategies 15-3, 15-5, 25-3, 25-5, 35-3, 35-5**
 - ♦ Authorized from September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2026



ADDENDUM TO THE CITY OF BEAUMONT JOINT USE AGREEMENT

The City of Beaumont Council passed an Addendum to our Joint Use Agreement. This Addendum provides Black Gold School Division access to one (1) event per year in or at one of the recreation or community centre facilities outside the listed facility hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. A maximum of three (3) days of rental fees or \$4500.00 (whichever is greater) will be waived.

This June, École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School (ESBCHS) will be hosting its 2022 graduation ceremony and formal in the fieldhouse at the Beaumont Sport and Recreation Centre. This Addendum is a significant benefit to ESBCHS and its students, as it will support the school in hosting the graduation events within Beaumont and assist the school in keeping costs lower for families. The Board thanked the City of Beaumont for passing this generous Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement.

The Board approved the Addendum to the Joint Use Agreement with the City of Beaumont.

REINSTATEMENT OF BOARD PD FUNDS

The Board approved restoring individual Trustee PD dollars to the previous level of \$2240.00 per year effective this 2021-2022 year.

Two years ago, the Board agreed to have their Professional Development (PD) funding significantly reduced as a cost-saving measure. Due to the lack of in-person PD opportunities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic it was never reinstated.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION



Chair Klaassen provided a report on the Board of Trustees self-evaluation process.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The May 2022 School News was presented recognizing our schools, students and staff from across the Division.



GROUNDBREAKING — OHPAHO SECONDARY SCHOOL



Chair Klaassen and Trustee Hansen provided a report on the groundbreaking at the site of Ohpaho Secondary School held on May 25, 2022.