



# Community Budget Information Meeting – Part 2

March 5, 2026

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# Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Budget Update
- Recap
- Questions & Comments

# Question & Answer

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# Opening Remarks



***Board of Trustees***

Brianne Goertzen,  
Chair—Finance, Facilities,  
Transportation & Technology  
Ward 3 Trustee



***Administration***

Sandra Herbst  
Superintendent/CEO

# The Reality

- The Board of Trustees has spoken over the last number of years to MLAs, ministers of education, and our community about the continual and cumulative effects of underfunding and reductions to RETSD.
- RETSD has made several presentations about a new and equitable funding model, but more importantly funding that supports public education.
- Due to the lack of funding and an inequitable funding model, we are expected to do more with less as student needs continue to grow and we face the continued impact of a rapid population increase.

# Provincial Funding Announcement

- On February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Province of Manitoba announced education funding for the 2026-27 school year.
- RETSD received an additional \$4.0M for 2026-27, which is the same as what we received last year and half of what was received the previous year.

# Status Quo Budget

- A status quo budget represents the funding that is required to maintain current levels of programs, programming, and services for students and staff based on estimated student enrolment for the 2026-2027 school year. It also includes increases to fixed costs (e.g., such as negotiated salary increases, insurance, utilities, statutory benefits).
- The funding model does not take into consideration the increased costs to cover the status quo budget.
- Government funding does not cover the status quo budget.

# Status Quo Budget (cont.)

The status quo budget includes additional costs for the following:

- Maintaining staffing, as enrolment is projected to be similar to the current enrolment
- IT security enhancements
- Inflationary increases for consumables and insurance

# Enhancing the Status Quo Budget

The Board of Trustees is considering adding the following increases to expand programs:

- Additional clinical supports to address long student waitlists
- Enhanced safety measures related to school access
- Unfunded items for the new school (e.g., fibre optic connection, library books, physical education equipment, bleachers)

# Budget Highlights

- The 2026-27 budget is \$276.7M.
- The revenue available, including provincial funding, totals \$140.4M.
- The difference of \$136.3M must be raised by increasing taxes to balance the budget.
- City of Winnipeg portion mill rate increase of approximately 6.6%.
- Increase to the average home in RETSD valued at \$361,700 is \$40.42, or \$3.37 monthly.

# New Tax Rebate

In 2025, the province announced a new education tax rebate called the Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit (HATC).

- The tax credit is applied directly to the property tax statement.
- The tax credit only applies to a taxpayer's principal residence.
- It has increased from \$1,500 to \$1,600 for 2026.

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**THE CITY OF WINNIPEG YYYY  
SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL TAXES**

1 STATEMENT DATE: MAY 01, YYYY  
 2 ROLL NUMBER: 12345678900  
 3 Property Address Information:  
 123 ANYWHERE AVE  
 JOHN AND JANE DOE  
 4 Title No.: 1234567890  
 5 Mortgage No.:  
 6 Part of Lot: Lot: Block: Plan: Parcel:  
 12 3 456 78 90 01

Assessment Information				
STATUS	TYPE	%	VALUATION	PORTION
CODE				CLASS
Reside	Residence 1	60.0	207,000	129,180

School Taxes	12 SCHOOL DIVISION NAME (Inquiries: 204-888-8888) (129,150 x R #####)	\$1,844.91
	13 MANTOBA EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ADVANCE*	-700.00
	14 NET SCHOOL DIVISION LEVY	\$1,144.91
15 NET SCHOOL TAXES		\$1,144.91

Municipal Taxes	16 MUNICIPAL TAXES (Inquiries: 311 or toll free 1-877-311-4974) (129,150 x R #####)	\$1,815.33
	16 STREET RENEWAL - Frontage Levy	513.75
	16 Local Improvements - Term	210.98
	16 WATERMAIN WASTEWATER SEWER	154.22
	17 ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING	151.53
	LAND DRAINAGE SEWER - LATERALS	72.86
	25' x 6" CONCRETE STREET PAVEMENT	646.92
18 TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAXES		\$3,564.59

TOTAL TAXES DUE		
School Taxes	\$1,844.91	
Municipal Taxes	3,564.59	
Total Current Taxes	\$5,409.50	
Provincial Credit(s)	-700.00	
Arrears	0.04	
<b>TOTAL TAXES DUE</b>	<b>\$4,709.54</b>	
19 NET PROPERTY TAXES		\$4,709.50
20 Arrears (EXCLUDES RESULTS TO APRIL 01, YYYY)		0.04
21 BALANCE OWING		\$4,709.54

**IMPORTANT MESSAGES** - Visit our website at: [www.winnipegassessment.com](http://www.winnipegassessment.com)

\*If you do not reside at this residence you may be eligible for Manitoba Education Property Tax Credit Advance. Please 204-888-8888 for eligibility rules. If you are interested in enrolling in the Tax Instalment Payment Plan, contact 311 or toll free 1-877-311-4974. Payments made after April 01, YYYY will not be reflected on this Tax Bill.

# Recap

- The funding formula did not change as we had hoped. It continues to be inequitable. We will continue to advocate for a new equitable funding formula that supports public education.
- The Board of Trustees does not want to cut classroom staffing and resources, so the difficult decision is before us to increase taxes so that we can maintain services and programs within RETSD.

# Budget Considerations

- The RETSD community has identified, through a past ThoughtExchange, the community forum, and virtual meetings, that they do not want reductions to current programs, programming, and services, but rather a strengthening of what already exists.
- After years of reductions, to reduce RETSD's budget further would have devastating and permanent impacts, including increased class sizes and a reduction in classroom teachers and educational assistants.

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# Process Update

- This is the second information meeting with our community.
- The board intends to approve the budget before Friday, March 13, 2026.
- A budget press release will be issued the day after the budget is approved and the budget issue of *The Torch* will be available in early spring.
- As always, Trustees are available to answer further questions.

# Contact Information for Premier, Education Minister and Local MLAs

To advocate for additional funding and an equitable  
funding model:



# Contact Information

- Contact information for your local trustee is available under 'Board of Trustees' at [retsd.mb.ca](https://retsd.mb.ca) or by scanning the QR code:



- Email the school division: [info@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:info@retsd.mb.ca)