



Overview of Funding and Budget

To: Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

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Strategic Directions

- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Overview of Funding and Budget report be received.

Context

Each year, school boards approve two budgets: the operating budget and the capital budget. The operating budget covers the Board's fiscal year, beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31. The Education Act requires that school boards submit a balanced budget by June 30 of each year for the upcoming fiscal school year.

The capital budget of the Board includes construction of additions or new sites, major capital repairs, and childcare spaces. These projects are funded through Capital Priorities grants, School Condition Improvement funding, proceeds of disposition or specialized capital funding targeted at specific objectives.

At the TDSB, both budgets are submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval in the June cycle of meetings. Significant milestones in the development of annual budgets are outlined in a separate report on budget timelines also presented at today's Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee meeting. These include approval of school-based staffing, information sessions for public feedback, consultation with advisory committees, multi-year forecast of the financial position of the board, and options to balance the budget.

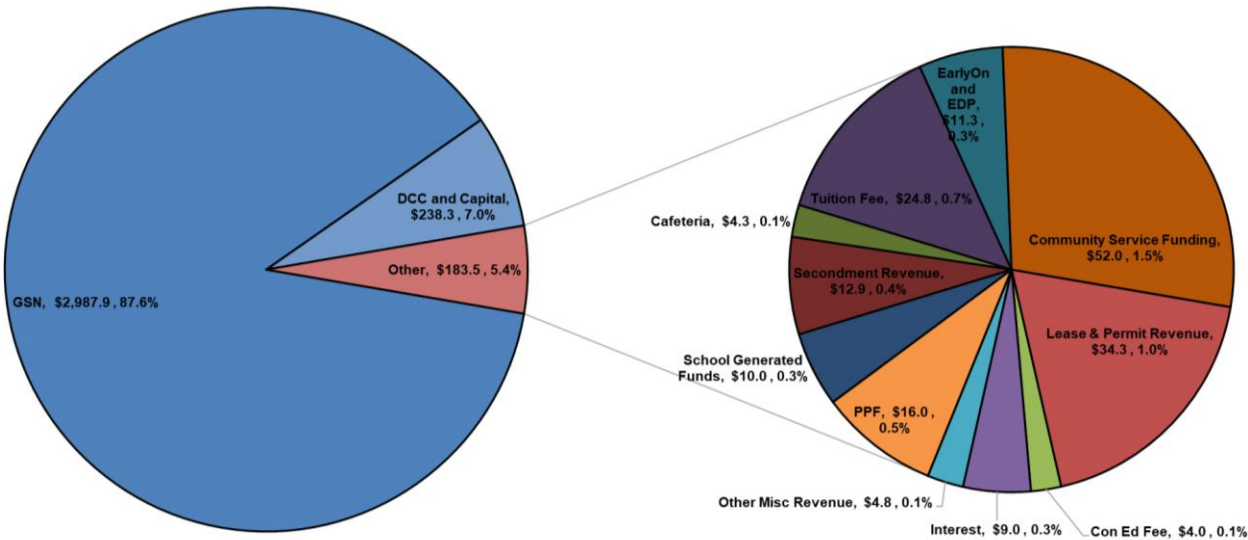
For additional background information, Appendix A features a copy of the Revised Operating Budget board report that was approved by Trustees in June 2022. This report

outlines the impact of the pandemic on TDSB operations, key investments in 2022-23, the financial forecast for the year, a three-year recovery plan, and impact on the financial reserves of the Board.

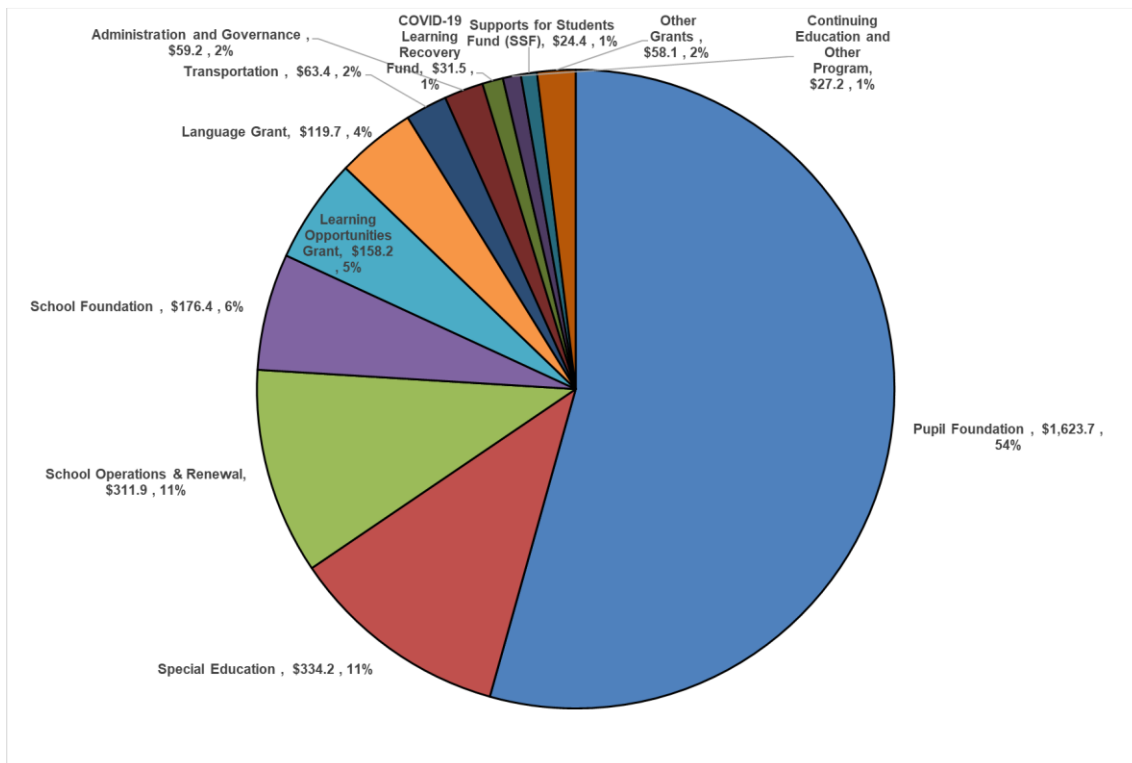
Another resource available to Trustees to provide context to the operations of the Board is the annual [Financial Facts](#) document. This document provides information on funding gaps, provincial enrolment trends, student demographics, funding information, detailed expenditure information, and more. This document is updated annually and published in the spring of each year.

Revenues

The following chart provides an overview of the total revenues of the Board for the 2022-23 school year of \$3.4B (in millions). The majority of funding to support school board operations comes from the Grant for Student Needs (GSN).



The chart below provides a breakdown of the grant allocations within the GSN for 2022-23 based on current enrolment projections of \$2.99B (in millions):



The primary determinant of school board funding is student enrolment. Enrolment is calculated for a school board by taking the enrolment on October 31 and March 31 and dividing by two to get the average daily enrolment. The chart below compares the forecasted enrolments for 2022-23 to previous years and shows the impact of the pandemic on enrolment. The Planning department is currently working on updating enrolments based on the October 31 actual enrolments and forecasting the balance of the year.

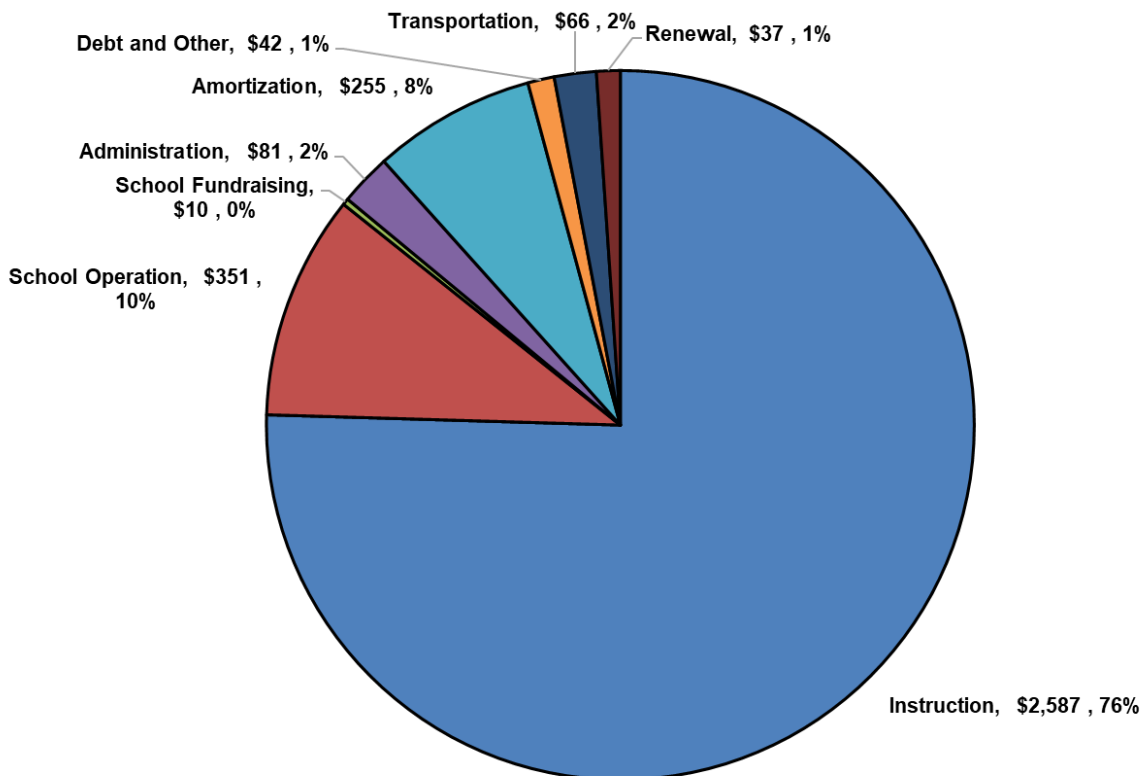
Pupils of the Board	Actual 2019-20	Actual 2020-21	Actual 2021-22	Projected 2022-23	22-23 vs. 19-20
JK/SK	34,846	30,647	30,566	31,353	-3,493
Grade 1-3	53,299	49,305	49,311	49,136	-4,163
Grade 4-8	85,756	82,175	81,889	81,878	-3,878
Total Elementary	173,901	162,127	161,766	162,367	-11,534

Secondary	69,330	68,720	69,087	69,896	566
Total Day School	243,231	235,805	230,853	232,263	-10,968

The pandemic significantly reduced enrolment and therefore, our base funding was also reduced due to the pandemic. However, the Ministry of Education provided funding to boards that assisted in maintaining services during the pandemic. Pandemic funding supports currently in place are scheduled to be discontinued at the end of this school year.

Expenditures

Approximately 86% of the TDSB's budget is allocated to labour and associated costs, with 65% of the budget spent on school-based staffing. The chart below breaks down the expenditures in major categories (in millions):



Action Plan and Associated Timeline

The TDSB's operating and capital budgets will be developed as per the approved timelines outlined to Trustees, with the goal of the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee making a recommendation to Board for approval at the June cycle of meetings. Once approved, staff will prepare and submit the budgets to the Ministry of Education by June 30th.

Resource Implications

In accordance with Section 231 of the Education Act, school boards are required to adopt balanced budgets for the fiscal year.

Communications Considerations

All Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee presentations concerning the budget will be videotaped and archived for reference to Trustees who cannot attend the meetings. All budget materials, which are not considered private under legislation, will be published on the [2023-24 Budget section of the Board's website](#) for public review.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

List all Board policies and procedures that relate to this matter.

Appendices

- Appendix A: 2022-23 Revised Operating Budget

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