

## **Balancing the TDSB's 2015-16 Budget**

Over the past few years, Trustees have made a number of difficult decisions to address the Board's structural deficit, changing the way the system is run so that overall operating costs are reduced each year. These decisions have helped put the TDSB on solid financial footing for 2015-16.

At a Board meeting on March 11, Trustees approved a balanced budget plan for next year. The plan addresses the Board's \$16.5 million projected deficit, and includes both operating costs and school-based staff decisions.

Declining enrolment, or fewer students in classes, required a reduction of staffing positions for next year. For the most part, school board funding is based on the number of students enrolled in schools. With fewer students across the province, staff positions are adjusted on an annual basis to reflect any changes.

In addition to these changes, the Ministry of Education announced a change to the Special Education funding model last year that reduces funding by an estimated \$22.3 million over 4 years for the TDSB. In managing this challenge, the Board held on to 10 Special Education support staff positions, originally included in the budget reductions, to help transition the needs of students across the system.

The balanced budget plan also includes a list of revenue generating activities and cost saving measures that have a minimal impact on students and the classroom, including a \$3.5M reduction to central department operating budgets and changes to the Facilities Services department. For more information on the balanced budget plan, please see [www.tdsb.on.ca/budget](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/budget).

With a balanced budget in place for next year, we are now focused on addressing our capital pressures. Follow @OurSchoolsTDSB to join the conversation about the future of TDSB buildings and to get information about upcoming studies and meetings. You can also visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/ourschools](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/ourschools) for more information.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

It's not too late to register for Junior Kindergarten for September 2015. If you, or any of your neighbours, have a child born in 2011, please have them call the school to make an appointment. 416 396-6485

