North East School Division 2025-2026 Budget Report Annual Operating and Capital Budget Estimates

Proposed Board Motion:
That the Board of Education of the North East School Division approves the 2025-26 Budget as presented, including any minor changes made after the Ministry of Education's review and approval.
Subsequent to the Board Approval:
The Ministry of Education required the school division to reallocate funding of \$25,000 from Grants to External Services.
The net impact of the change is zero.

North East School Division Budget 2025-26 Statement of Operations (Prepared using Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) Standards)

			2025-26	2024-25		
		Notes	Budget	Budget		Variance
Revenues						
	Grants	1	\$ 68,058,652	\$ 62,896,864	\$	5,161,788
	Tuition and related fees		495,822	509,314		(13,492)
	School generated funds		1,092,855	1,109,275		(16,420)
	Complementary services	2	975,681	850,454		125,227
	External services		1,029,011	990,865		38,146
	Other	3	750,210	1,293,500		(543,290)
Total revenues		:	\$ 72,402,231	\$ 67,650,272	\$	4,751,959
Expenses						
	Governance	4	\$ 291,426	\$ 310,700	\$	(19,274)
	Administration		2,943,616	2,886,213		57,403
	Instruction	5	49,239,077	46,399,173		2,839,904
	Plant	6	12,624,029	13,784,300		(1,160,271)
	Transportation	7	5,824,667	5,606,641		218,026
	Tuition and related fees	8	252,833	152,790		100,043
	School generated funds		1,045,264	996,112		49,152
	Complementary services	9	2,011,488	1,765,918		245,570
	External services		1,151,488	1,069,171		82,317
	Other expenses		207,310	227,558		(20,248)
Total expenses			\$ 75,591,198	\$ 73,198,576	\$	2,392,622
Deficit			\$ (3,188,967)	\$ (5,548,304)	\$	2,359,337

North East School Division Budget 2025-26 Conversion to Cash Basis

		2025-26 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Variance	
PSAB surplus	\$	(3,188,967)	(5,548,304)		2,359,337
Tangible capital assets:					
Purchases		(1,527,800)	(2,815,635)		1,287,835
Proceeds from disposals		11,000	11,000		-
Long term debt:					
Repayments for the year		(461,770)	(477,522)		15,752
Non-cash items:					
Amortization expense		4,422,300	4,418,200		4,100
Gain on disposals of tangible capital assets		(11,000)	(11,000)		-
Employee Future Benefits expenses		76,900	45,000		31,900
Other cash requirements:					
Employee Future Benefits expected payments		(63,800)	(54,600)		(9,200)
Deficit cash for the year	Ś	(743,137)	\$ (4,432,861)	Ś	3,689,724

North East School Division Budget 2025-26 Balancing the Budget

		2025-26 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Variance
Deficit cash for the year	\$	(743,137) \$	(4,432,861)	\$ 3,689,724
Changes to the accumulated surplus (use of reserves):				
Externally restricted accumulated surplus (school controlled):		166.650	240 227	(04.670)
School Generated Funds (net change)		166,659	248,337	(81,678)
Externally restricted accumulated surplus:				
Tisdale Early Years Family Resource Centre		55,000	88,291	(33,291
Early Learning and Intensive Supports (ELIS) Program		74,009	-	74,009
Federal capital tuition		-	138,000	(138,000)
		129,009	226,291	(97,282)
Unrestricted accumulated surplus:				
Annual purchases:				
Technology (capital)		-	331,098	(331,098)
Not annual purchases:				
Technology - network switch replacements		205,000	-	205,000
		205,000	331,098	(126,098)
Internally restricted accumulated surplus:				
School bus replacement		(366,531)	965,000	(1,331,531)
Tisdale Early Years Family Resource Centre		(25,000)	(25,000)	-
Vehicle replacement		175,000	70,000	105,000
Additional school buses		-	490,000	(490,000)
15-passenger vans		-	80,000	(80,000)
School decentralized carry forward		-	42,135	(42,135)
		(216,531)	1,622,135	(1,838,666)
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR):				
PMR projects		2,628,000	3,705,000	(1,077,000)
PMR funding		(2,169,000)	(1,700,000)	(469,000)
		459,000	2,005,000	(1,546,000)
	\$	- \$.	\$

North East School Division Budget 2025-26 Notes (to Statement of Operations)

1. The operating grant from the province is expected to increase by approximately \$4.8 million. Approximately \$3.8 million of this relates to the estimated additional cost of the new collective bargaining agreement of the teachers. There was also an increase due to adjustments to the funding rates of the operating grant.

The Preventative Maintenance and Renewal (PMR) funding increased by approximately \$500,000. This funding is restricted and can only be used for PMR projects of the school division.

- 2. There is more funding anticipated for the Early Learning and Intensive Supports (ELIS) Program in 2025-26 compared to the 2024-25 budget. The funding from the province for the pre-kindergarten programs at the school division has also increased.
- 3. The interest income is expected to be less than 2024-25 due to the decrease in the interest rate.
- 4. The 2024-25 budget included the estimated cost of the school board elections that occurred during the fall of 2024. There is no similar expense in the 2025-26 budget.
- 5. The instructional salaries have increased as a result of the collective bargaining agreements for teachers and support staff. There is an overall increase in teacher full-time equivalents in the budget of 11.5. There were staffing increases due to the new requirements in the provincial collective bargaining agreement of the teachers and a small decrease due to the expected enrolment decline.
- 6. The Preventative Maintenance and Renewal projects included in the 25-26 budget are estimated to cost approximately \$1.1 million less than the 2024-25 budget. There is no carbon tax included in the utility budgets of 2025-26. There are off setting increases to expenses included in Plant for the annual salary increases expected in the collective bargaining agreement.
- 7. The increase primarily relates to the estimated salary increases for the staff of Transportation Services and also the inflationary increases of the parts necessary to repair the school buses. There has been no carbon tax included in the estimated costs for fuel used by the school buses.
- 8. Tuition expense relates to payments to Suncrest College for students attending the Adult Basic Education Program. The estimated number of students in the 2025-26 budget is based on the 2024-25 actual enrolment. This program is fully funded by the province.
- 9. The 2025-26 budget includes a temporary Early Learning and Intensive Supports (ELIS) consultant. This is fully funded with the ELIS grant from the province. There also additional expenses in the 2025-26 budget to help address student attendance issues at the schools.
- 10. The Tisdale and Area Early Years and Family Resource Centre will have more expenses in 2025-26 as the program has funds from prior years to spend.

North East School Division Budget 2025-26 Tangible Capital Assets

	Notes		2025-26 Budget						2024-25 Budget		Variance
Computer hardware	1	\$	1,032,000	\$	693,500	\$	338,500				
Playground equipment and other land improvements	2	,	212,500	,	289,500	7	(77,000)				
Vehicles	3		175,000		70,000		105,000				
Furniture and equipment			108,300		144,300		(36,000)				
School buses	4		-		1,455,000		(1,455,000)				
15-Passenger vans	5		-		162,135		(162,135)				
Computer software	-		-		1,200		(1,200)				
Total tangible capital assets		¢	1,527,800	Ś	2,815,635	Ś	(1,287,835)				

Notes:

- 1. Computer hardware includes network switches and for back-up servers in the 2025-26 budget. The replacement of this equipment is completed once every seven to nine years.
- 2. Playground equipment varies from year to year. The schools generate the funds for the purchases.
- 3. In 2025-26, there are plans to purchase a vehicle for Information Technology Services and a truck for the Facilities Department. A minimum for the Tisdale and Area Early Years Family Resource Centre is also included and will be reimbursed by the program over a ten year time period.
- 4. The 2024-25 budget included nine school buses. The Board approved the purchase of six additional school buses during the 2024-25 fiscal year. As a result, there are no school buses that are required in 2025-26.
- 5. There are no 15-passenger van purchases planned in the 2025-26 budget. In 2024-25, Hudson Bay and LP Miller Comprehensive schools included 15-passenger vans in their budgets.

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