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BOARD APPROVES 2005/06 BUDGET

Greater Victoria School Trustees have unanimously approved their 2005/2006 budget.

“This budget marks the first time in a decade that trustees have had the opportunity to add dollars to the budget,” said Board Chair Michael McEvoy.

Trustees voted to add back \$1,414,149 in on-going items, including \$576,000 to reduce class size; \$323,000 for libraries; \$200,000 for music programs and over \$700,000 for learning resources.

In addition to the \$1.3 million being added to upgrade learning resources the Board allocated \$100,000 to Career Programs, \$120,000 to improve graduation rates, \$380,000 for energy conservation and \$250,000 to provide funding for minor capital projects.

“I am particularly excited about our focus on improving literacy and numeracy,” said Chair McEvoy, adding, “through our literacy and numeracy success team we will be able to give even greater support to our teachers and improve instruction at the class room level. I expect that this will show immediate results, with a greater number of our students exceeding expectations.”

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