

Board Spends Surplus for 2011-2012

The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) has approved the 2011-2012 District budget. The coming year's budget provides for a contingency fund for additional Educational Classroom Assistants in September.

Board Chairman Tom Ferris said, "the prudent steps taken by the Board in the current and previous years allow us to maintain the current level of educational programs and resources."

The Board had anticipated budget problems and took steps to create savings, such as hiring freezes and expense reductions, and in addition utilized one-time carry forward funds to provide additional services.

Future budgetary pressures will continue as enrolment declines. "The Board of Education will continue to advocate for additional funding, will seek further meetings with the Minister of Education and will work with the British Columbia School Trustees' Association to ensure that the needs of students are met," said Board Vice-Chairman Dave Pitre.

The annual budget will now be available in schools and the community. Budget details can be found on the website at www.sd61.bc.ca.

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