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Katrina Stride – Secretary-Treasurer

TO: The Board of Education
FROM: Katrina Stride, Secretary-Treasurer
DATE: March 31, 2025
RE: **2025-2026 Budget Update**

2025-2026 Budget Development Process

The current 2025-2026 Budget Development Process is attached for information.

Upcoming Events

Special Budget Meeting (Virtual) – April 2, 2025

On Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., a Special Budget Meeting will be held virtually to present the balanced 2025-2026 Annual Budget.

There will be an opportunity to electronically submit budget questions before and during the meeting, which will be answered either during the meeting or included in the agenda package for the meeting on April 8. There will also be an opportunity to submit feedback on the proposed budget following the meeting.

The agenda package and link to electronically submit questions and feedback will be available on April 1.

Internal Budget Working Session (Virtual) – April 3, 2025

On Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., an Internal Budget Working Session will be held virtually as an internal opportunity to provide feedback on the 2025-2026 Annual Budget presented on April 2.

Invitations have been extended to representatives of the Four Houses (Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, Métis Nation of Greater Victoria, and Urban Peoples House Indigenous Advisory), Education Partners (CUPE 382, CUPE 947, GVTA, and VCPAC), Victoria Principals and Vice Principals Association (VPVPA), the Official Trustee, Senior Leadership Team, and members of the District Leadership Team.

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

Special Board Meeting (Virtual) – April 8, 2025

On Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., a Special Board Meeting will be held virtually to present the 2025-2026 Annual Budget to the Official Trustee for approval. Three readings of the 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw must be passed for the 2025-2026 Annual Budget to be approved.

Budget Development Process Feedback Survey (Virtual) – April 11 – 23, 2025

Following the approval of the 2025-2026 Annual Budget, an online survey will be launched to gather feedback about the 2025-2026 budget development process. The survey will be launched on April 11, 2025 and will remain open until April 23, 2025. The information received from survey participants will inform planning for the 2026-2027 budget development process. The results of the survey will be presented at the Regular Board meeting on April 28, 2025.

2025-2026 BUDGET Development Process



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Initial Feedback Survey (Virtual)

- A public online survey was launched to gain feedback from our learning community regarding the focus areas of the Enhancing Student Learning Report, areas of the budget that need more investment, and the budget development process

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Student Connections (In-Person)

- Members of the Board of Education and members of the Senior Leadership Team engaged with students at all middle and high schools in the District

FEB 15 - Enrolment Projections

- 2025-2026 enrolment projections are submitted by the Greater Victoria School District to the Ministry of Education and Child Care

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Regular Board Meeting (Virtual)

- Summary of the 2025-2026 enrolment projections presented
- New 2025-2026 Budget Development Process presented

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Internal Budget Working Session (In-Person)

- Internal opportunity to collaboratively learn more about the annual budget
- Invitations extended to representatives of the Four Houses (Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, Métis Nation of Greater Victoria, and Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory), Education Partners (CUPE 382, CUPE 947, GVTA, VCPAC), VPVPA, the Official Trustee, Senior Leadership Team, and members of the District Leadership Team

MAR 15 - Interim Operating Grant Announcement

- Ministry announces operating grants based on submitted 2025-2026 enrolment projections

2025-2026 BUDGET Development Process



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Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Budget Session (In-Person)

- Opportunity to collaboratively learn more about the annual budget
- Invitations extended to all parents/guardians/caregivers, the Official Trustee, and Senior Leadership Team

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Special Budget Meeting (Virtual)

- Balanced 2025-2026 Annual Budget presented
- Opportunity for the public to electronically submit:
 - Budget questions before and during the meeting
 - Feedback on the budget following the meeting

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Internal Budget Working Session (Virtual)

- Internal opportunity to provide feedback on the budget as presented on April 2
- Invitations extended to representatives of the Four Houses (Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, Métis Nation of Greater Victoria, and Urban Peoples' House Indigenous Advisory), Education Partners (CUPE 382, CUPE 947, GVTA, VCPAC), VPVPA, the Official Trustee, Senior Leadership Team, and members of the District Leadership Team

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Special Board Meeting (Virtual)

- Three readings of the 2025-2026 Annual Budget Bylaw

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Budget Development Process Feedback Survey (Virtual)

- A public online survey to gather feedback about the budget development process

Board Meetings

For live/recorded meeting links, how to submit questions, and agenda packages, visit:

www.sd61.bc.ca/board-of-education/meetings-of-the-board