

School District of Whiteshell

The District's fiscal year, July 1 to June 30, is established by the Manitoba Government. Therefore, the school tax request for the 2009 fiscal year is composed of portions of each of the 2008/09 and 2009/10 School District budgets.

The annual budget for 2008/09 amounted to \$2,948,864.00 of which \$1,106,687 formed a portion of the Special Levy for 2009. The budget for 2009/10, approved by the Board of Trustees following a public meeting on March 10, amounted to \$3,076,000 that represented an increase of 4.3% over the 2008/09 budget. The portion of this budget included in the 2009 Special Levy is \$906,946 for a total 2009 educational Special Levy of \$2,013,633. The 2008 Special Levy mill rate was 28.2 and it is estimated that the 2009 mill rate will be 28.19.

Upon receipt of the fiscal requirements of the School District, the Council of the L.G.D. portions out the Grant in Lieu received from AECL. In 2005, the Council portioned 67% of the G.I.L. to the School District fiscal requirement with a corresponding considerable reduction in the School portion of property taxes. In 2006, the Council portioned 62% of the G.I.L. to the School District resulting in a slight increase in the School portion of property taxes.

Through negotiations with the L.G.D. of Pinawa in 2006, it was agreed that the G.I.L. split would be guaranteed at the historical level of 57% School District and 43% L.G.D. The net effect of this agreement is that the School portion of property taxes will provide ratepayers with a clearer picture of tax increases/decreases in future years as evident in this year's increased Special Levy request.

Features of the budget include:

- Increased spending in Student Services
- Capital Debenture for the replacement of roofs at Pinawa Secondary School and F.W. Gilbert School and for boiler replacement at F.W. Gilbert School
- Funds for building reviews to determine renovation/maintenance requirements
- Funds for upgrading of Science, Industrial Arts, and Technology
- Maintain funding for *grassroots*
- Maintained funds to support Talent Development in the schools

2009 – 2010 Budget by Program	
PROGRAM	Per Cent of Budget
Instruction	
Regular Instruction	55 %
Exceptional	20.2 %
Instruction and Pupil Support	2.4 %
Transportation of Pupils	1%
Community Education	0.3%
Administration	4 %
Plant Operation and Maintenance	13 %
Fiscal	4.1 %

The Trustees of the School District thank the community for its continued support of the education system. For further information, contact the School District Office in Pinawa Secondary School or by phone at 753-8366.

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