



Red River Valley School Division

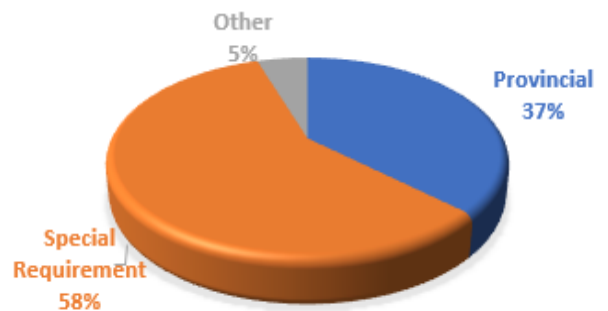
Budget 2024–2025

The Red River Valley School Division Board of Trustees passed the 2024-2025 Budget at their regularly scheduled board meeting on March 13, 2024.

The Board submitted a balanced budget for the 2024-2025 school year in order to meet the needs of the students in Red River Valley School Division.

Provincial Funding & Property Taxation

- RRVSD received a 1.7% increase in operating support from the province, which is equivalent to \$264,000.00 for 2024-2025.
- The increase in provincial support reflects \$2,000 for Enrolment Growth, \$122,000 for Additional Operating Support and \$140,000 for the new Nutrition Funding.
- The province has indicated that school divisions return to their taxation abilities to generate remaining funds required for education. As a result of this, the Property Tax Offset Grant that was removed last year has been reinstated to RRVSD in the amount of \$1.44M.



Total revenue for 2024-2025 is \$38,810,596.00

The 2024-2025 Special Requirement is the amount needed to bridge the gap between the designated provincial support and fulfilling the school division funding requirements for the school year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

The 2024 Special Levy is based on the calendar year, and is made up of 40% of the 2024-2025 Special Requirement, and 60% of the 2023-2024 Special Requirement. The Special Levy for 2024 increased by 3.119% from 2023.

The Special Levy is further reduced by provincial incentives such as the Education Property Tax Credit and the Education Tax Rebate.

The province has not released the 2023 Education Property Tax Credit amount, however, they have committed to a 50% rebate of the school division special levy payable. More information can be found at www.gov.mb.ca/schooltaxrebate

Variables on your Property Taxes

School Division property taxes are based on the assessed value of your property. The total assessment across Red River Valley School Division increased by 1.776% from last year due to growth.

The Mill Rate is equal to \$1 in property tax levied per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value. The Mill Rate will decrease with increased assessment if the Special Levy remains constant. The increase in RRVSD Special Levy exceeded the increase in assessment, and resulted in an increase to the Mill Rate by 1.32% (11.85 up to 12.01).

1.32% increase in the Mill Rate results in a Property Tax increase of \$14.07 on an average house worth \$200,000.

Actual property tax implications are dependent upon changes in your personal assessed values.

The increase to your property taxes will be offset by the proposed 50% property tax rebate from the Provincial Government.

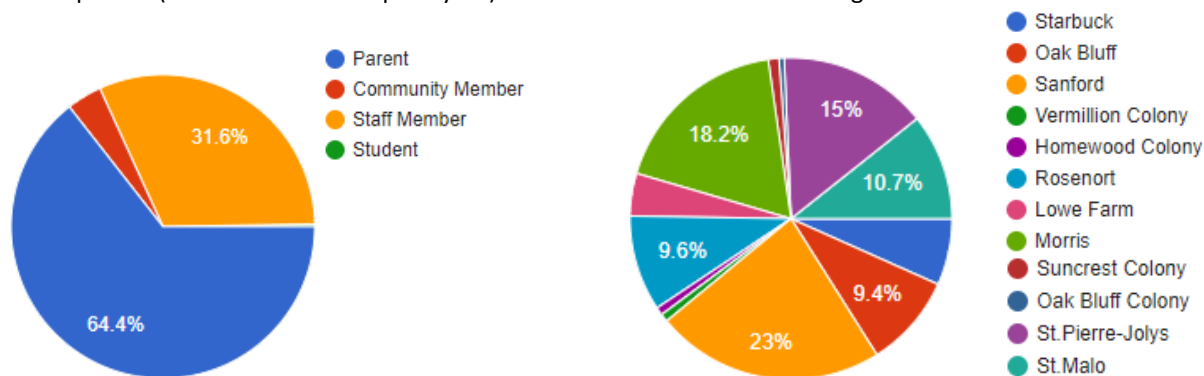
Budget Changes for 2024-2025

- 4% increase to all support staff salaries, with further scale increases for custodial aides and apprentice mechanics to remain in line with other school divisions
- 1.4 FTE resource/clinician allocation that was previously taken from discretionary staffing
- 21% increase to technology budget to allow for backup generators, tower inspections, infrastructure upgrades and Powerschool Student Information System support
- Allocation of the Healthy Schools Initiative funding to the Mental Health & Wellness Committee to continue their student and staff wellness events piloted in the 2023-2024 school year
- Addition of 11 hours for continued divisional speech and language educational assistant support piloted in the 2023-2024 school year
- Return to in person guidance counsellor and resource teacher divisional meetings
- Addition of 1.75 hours for bus supervision at feeder schools
- 12% increase to fuel budget and 29% increase to bus parts due to inflation to maintain a fleet of 55 buses
- Additional 9 days teacher salary for PD requirements for part time teachers
- Addition of 1.0 Divisional Executive Administrator and Communications Officer position
- Accrual made in budget in anticipation of new provincial bargaining negotiations (RRVSD Teacher Collective Agreement expired June 30, 2022)
- Implementation of Leadership Development PD fund
- Increased support for Red River Valley Athletics Association (Grade 7 & 8 Inter School events)
- Increased support for staff recognition
- 3% increase to school supply budgets as a start to address inflation

Public Budget Consultation

On February 7, 2024, Red River Valley School Division released a Public Budget Survey to gather community input. The survey was delivered to all staff and parents/guardians in RRVSD through School Messenger, emailed to all municipal offices within the RRVSD boundaries, and posted on the website for the general public.

374 responses (increase of 28 from prior year) were received from the following:



The results of the Public Budget Survey were similar to the prior year. Educational programming supports identified in order of importance are Literacy (76%), Numeracy (63.6%), Mental Health Support (61.2%) and Speech & Language Pathology (54.3%). Thank you for making your voice heard!

The Red River Valley School Division, with the support of families and communities, strives to provide a learning environment that will allow our students the opportunity for achievement to their highest potential in a global environment.