



Media Advisory

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Sturgeon School Division Puts Students First

At the public board meeting on May 27, 2009 the Board of Trustees of Sturgeon School Division approved the annual budget that emphasizes a continued focus on inclusive education and student learning. The Division's 2009-2010 budget highlights:

- Funding is based on student learning
- Supports and focuses on continuous improvement of student achievement, while identifying individual student priorities and needs.
- Gives schools the flexibility to meet student needs.
- Allows spending flexibility while maintaining accountability at each cost center.
- Builds in provisions for school capital, such as desks, and technology evergreening.
- Supports development in the area of Occupational Health and Safety.
- Areas of concern continue to be:
 - perceived under funding in Plant, Operations and Maintenance and Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal funding
 - resources for special education
 - no recognition of funds for community use and non school buildings

The 2009-2010 Budget follows the Alberta Education Guidelines and the Board of Trustee priorities. The budget is developed to support our educational initiatives as outlined in our Three Year Education Plan to provide the most effective and efficient use of funds.

“Even though we have challenges in educational funding, we are pleased that we are able to approve a budget that maintains our high level of service to students and communities. As well, the budget continues to comply with several of the recommendations that were introduced in the Alberta Learning Commission Report, said Terry Jewell, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Sturgeon School Division. The 2009-2010 Budget continues the Board’s practice of ensuring that the Division remains in a financially viable position for the foreseeable future. This enables us to maintain student learning as the number one priority for everything we do.”

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