Report 19-040
2018-2019 Updated Forecast
and
Report 19-047
2019-2020 Budget Process

16 April 2019



2018-2019 Updated Forecast Projected Financial Results

Comparative Summary of Revenues and Expenses projected for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Forecast \$	Budget \$	Change \$	Change %
Revenues	980.1	974.3	5.8	0.6
Expenses	972.3	974.3	(2.0)	(0.2)
Surplus	7.8	-	7.8	

2018-2019 Updated Forecast Significant Items

- Average daily enrolment (ADE) increase of 489 students has increased the Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) revenues
- Enrolment growth resulted in the addition of 10 elementary teaching positions while secondary needs were managed within approved staffing levels
- Compensation differential for instructional staff is projected to provide savings of \$11.2 million
- \$2.9 million increase for occasional teachers

2018-2019 Updated Forecast Significant Items

- \$2.2 million in incremental costs for portable relocations and property lease
- \$677,000 increase in transportation costs for driver retention strategy
- Provisions included in the forecast:
 - \$478,000 provision to augment existing special education staffing
 - \$500,000 provision for incremental needs in support of English language learners
 - \$2.0 million provision for legal costs
- Increased spending on capital initiatives

2018-2019 Updated Forecast

Comparative Summary of Net Results and Accumulated Surplus

School Year	Net Actual \$	Net Budget \$	Change \$	Accumulated Surplus (YE)
2013-14	(11.8)	(14.3)	2.5	34.0
2014-15	(17.2)	(17.2)	0.0	16.8
2015-16	(12.3)	(11.9)	(0.4)	4.5
2016-17	15.2	-	15.2	19.7
2017-18	15.2	-	15.2	34.9
2018-19*	7.8	-	7.8	42.7

^{*} Based on 2018-2019 Updated Forecast

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Accumulated Surplus

	Actual 2015-16 \$	Actual 2016-17 \$	Actual 2017-18 \$	Forecast 2018-19 \$
Revenues	860.0	900.3	952.3	980.1
Expenses	872.3	885.1	937.1	972.3
Surplus (Deficit)	(12.3)	15.2	15.2	7.8
Accum. Surplus				
Available for Use	0.5	0.8	14.4	19.6
Contingencies	3.4	15.0	15.0	17.2
Appropriated	0.6	3.9	5.5	5.9
Total	4.5	19.7	34.9	42.7

- Academic staffing recommendations approved in March 2019 committed approximately \$540.0 million, which is 55% of the 2018-2019 Budget
- Grant announcements (GSNs and EPOs) are expected by 26 April 2019
- Education Finance Information System (EFIS) and Technical Paper are to be released by mid-May 2019
- Timing of the release of the 2019-2020 Staff-Recommended Budget will be contingent upon receiving funding information from the Ministry

Risks

- Local Priorities System Investment funding which supports 87.7 FTEs expires at end of 2018-2019 (32.7 FTE teaching & 55.0 FTE A&S)
- Confirmation of details regarding funding reductions resulting from:
 - Change to funded class sizes
 - Elimination of specific grant amounts
 - Change to the Facility operating grant
- Collective agreements expire at end of 2018-2019
- Rule changes relating to use of accumulated surplus

Pressures

- Inflationary pressures:
 - licenses, agreements, supplies and services
- New pressures:
 - District infrastructure, professional development, staffing needs
- Continued pressure on staff replacement budgets (OT/EA/ECE/OA)

Positive

- A healthy accumulated surplus provides capacity to potentially support one-time costs
- Enrolment growth over the past three years is expected to continue and will provide increased revenues
- A tightening of compensation-related assumptions will provide additional budget capacity to help respond to pressures and risks

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Potential Funding Shortfall

	\$
Net change in revenue before attrition support	32.0
Estimated attrition support	(8.0)
	24.0
Enrolment increase net of mandatory costs	(8.0)
	16.0
Change in salary costs assumptions	(10.0)
Potential funding shortfall	6.0

Meeting Dates

22 January Budget process discussion

16 April Budget process update

13 May Cancelled Presentation of staff-recommended budget

29 May Presentation of staff-recommended budget

03 June Delegations and Budget debate

10 June Budget debate (if required)

17 June Budget debate (if required)

Academic staffing was discussed at Committee of the Whole meetings in March 2019 and approved at the 26 March 2019 Board meeting.

The timeline assumes the budget will be approved at a special board meeting to be held on the same evening that COW Budget makes its 2019-2020 Budget recommendation to the Board.

A Community of Character

ACCEPTANCE: I reach out to include others. I accept others for who they are.

I am gentle with myself and others when mistakes are made.

APPRECIATION: I am grateful for all that I have. I am thankful for the support that others give me. I am generous in recognizing the contributions of others.

COOPERATION: I work with others to make a peaceful community. I am willing to listen to others' ideas and suggestions. I compromise and negotiate to solve problems and differences of opinion.

EMPATHY: I am compassionate, caring, and kind. I am a true friend. I will walk in your shoes in order to understand you. I am slow to judge and quick to forgive.

FAIRNESS: I make decisions based upon the whole picture. I treat others the way I would like to be treated. I am just.



INTEGRITY: I behave ethically and honourably. I am honest, loyal, and trustworthy. I am truthful and courageous. I stand up for what is right even when it is hard. I am a person of my word and people who know me understand that.

OPTIMISM: I believe that challenges are opportunities. I choose to see goodness. I have hope for our future.

PERSEVERANCE: I will work hard and I will not give up. I will finish what I begin and I will not give up. I will care enough and I will not give up.

RESPECT: I honour myself and others through my words and actions. I support our diversity of beliefs. I treat our world and everything in it with dignity.

RESPONSIBILITY: I am accountable for the decisions I make. I realize that my decisions impact my community. I honour my commitments.

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