

**BUDGET
REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2027**

[Education Act, Sections 139(2)(a) and 244]

4160 The Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School Division

Legal Name of School Jurisdiction

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Certified as an accurate summary of the year's budget as approved by the Board

of Trustees at its meeting held on June 8, 2026 .
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HIGHLIGHTS, PLANS, ASSUMPTIONS AND RISKS SUMMARY- 2026/2027 BUDGET REPORT

The following were presented to the Board and approved as underlying the budget. These key points and assumptions used in development of the budget take into consideration the economic environment of the jurisdiction, focus on anticipated changes from current year, and are realistic and consistent with the three year Education Plan. At a minimum, they disclose key budget assumptions, financial & business risks, and specific strategies explaining how this budget will support the jurisdiction's plans.

Budget Highlights, Plans & Assumptions:

Operating Deficit: Total projected deficit sits at **\$2.4M**, driven primarily by deficits in Operations and Maintenance (\$1.6M) and Instruction (\$800K).
Enrollment & Funding Decline: Enrollment is projected to drop by **3.2%**, triggering a reduction in base funding of over **\$1.4M**.
Staffing Realignment: Certificated staff levels have been adjusted to account for declining enrollment and unfunded cost increases for salaries and benefits.
Class Size Target: Added **19 new teaching positions** funded by the Class Size Reduction Grant. These additional positions will be allocated to reduce class size from ECS to Grade 9 in accordance with the Provincial Class Size Guidelines.
Support Staff Reductions: Reduced Educational Assistant (EA) staffing by **12 positions** to mitigate the deficit within the Specialized Learning Support (SLS) envelope. This is necessary to maintain the Accumulated Operating Surplus (OAS) at an acceptable level but may create very challenging conditions in schools with limited resources to support students with complex needs. Some of these reductions may need to be re-evaluated in the Fall in situation where conditions are deemed to be unsafe for the students and staff.

Significant Business and Financial Risks:

Surplus Depletion: A **\$1.5M operational cash deficit** will draw the Accumulated Operating Surplus (OAS) down to **\$2.3M**.
Critical Margin Risk: The remaining OAS balance will sit at **2.2% of expenses**, leaving virtually no breathing room above the mandatory **2% minimum threshold**.
Operations and Maintenance: Despite all efforts to reduce cost and creating efficiencies, operations and maintenance is showing a deficit requiring a significant re-allocation of instructional funding to support the maintenance of our facilities
Specialized Learning (SLS) Shortfall: Expenditures required to support students with special needs continue to significantly outpace targeted SLS funding, resulting in a transfer of over **\$7M** from classroom instruction to SLS.
Surging Complex Needs: Students requiring extensive support now account formore than **9% of total enrollment** (up from less than 5% five years ago). The cost of providing these services far outstrips grant increases, creating an unsustainable strain that impacts instruction across the school division.
Unfunded Labor Costs: Escalating salary and benefit costs continue to exceed grant increases, driven heavily by the latest contract agreements for Educational Assistants.
Benefit Pressures: Benefit costs for both certificated and support staff are rising faster than incoming grants, creating severe pressure on the ability to maintain current service standards for students.

BUDGETED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Approved Budget 2026/2027	Approved Budget 2025/2026	Actual Audited 2024/2025
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Government of Alberta	\$ 97,915,000	\$90,902,000	\$86,227,119
Federal Government and First Nations	\$ 1,050,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,161,088
Property taxes	\$ 4,400,000	\$4,380,000	\$4,387,652
Fees	\$ 710,000	\$776,000	\$1,168,188
Sales of services and products	\$ 1,966,000	\$2,610,000	\$1,649,842
Investment income	\$ 800,000	\$915,000	\$1,155,028
Donations and other contributions	\$ 692,000	\$812,000	\$970,162
Other revenue	\$ 358,000	\$402,000	\$504,274
TOTAL REVENUES	\$107,891,000	\$101,897,000	\$97,223,354
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Instruction - ECS	\$ 6,372,000	\$7,692,000	\$8,143,777
Instruction - Grade 1 to 12	\$ 81,717,000	\$72,757,000	\$63,637,309
Operations & maintenance	\$ 13,756,000	\$14,455,000	\$13,644,609
Transportation	\$ 2,847,000	\$2,424,000	\$2,259,520
System Administration	\$ 3,273,000	\$3,357,000	\$3,379,148
External Services	\$ 2,326,000	\$2,160,000	\$1,711,705
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$110,291,000	\$102,845,000	\$92,776,068
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$2,400,000)	(\$948,000)	\$4,447,286

BUDGETED ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES (BY OBJECT)
for the Year Ending August 31

	Approved Budget 2026/2027	Approved Budget 2025/2026	Actual Audited 2024/2025
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Certificated salaries	\$ 45,496,000	\$40,858,000	\$40,519,118
Certificated benefits	\$ 12,647,000	\$9,426,000	\$8,212,191
Non-certificated salaries and wages	\$ 24,353,000	\$23,173,000	\$17,150,596
Non-certificated benefits	\$ 5,920,000	\$5,473,000	\$3,589,338
Services, contracts, and supplies	\$ 16,632,000	\$18,305,000	\$18,552,870
Capital and debt services			
Amortization of capital assets			
Supported	\$ 4,301,000	\$4,420,000	\$3,859,709
Unsupported	\$ 820,000	\$849,000	\$757,223
Interest on capital debt			
Supported	\$ -	\$0	\$0
Unsupported	\$ -	\$0	\$0
Other interest and finance charges	\$ 122,000	\$171,000	\$135,023
Losses on disposal of capital assets	\$ -	\$0	\$0
Other expenses	\$ -	\$170,000	\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$110,291,000	\$102,845,000	\$92,776,068

BUDGETED SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS
for the Year Ending August 31

REVENUES	Approved Budget 2026/2027							Actual Audited 2024/25
	Instruction		Operations and Maintenance	Transportation	System Administration	External Services	TOTAL	TOTAL
	ECS	Grade 1 to 12						
(1) Alberta Education and Childcare	\$ 5,598,000	\$ 73,589,000	\$ 8,253,000	\$ 2,677,000	\$ 3,136,000	\$ 228,000	\$ 93,481,000	\$ 82,145,285
(2) Alberta Infrastructure - non remediation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,620,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,620,000	\$ 3,353,771
(3) Alberta Infrastructure - remediation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(4) Other - Government of Alberta	\$ 599,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215,000	\$ 814,000	\$ 728,063
(5) Federal Government and First Nations	\$ -	\$ 892,000	\$ 105,000	\$ -	\$ 53,000	\$ -	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,161,088
(6) Other Alberta school authorities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(7) Out of province authorities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(8) Alberta municipalities-special tax levies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(9) Property taxes	\$ -	\$ 4,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,387,652
(10) Fees	\$ -	\$ 540,000		\$ 170,000		\$ -	\$ 710,000	\$ 1,168,188
(11) Sales of services and products	\$ 175,000	\$ 360,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,431,000	\$ 1,966,000	\$ 1,649,842
(12) Investment income	\$ -	\$ 678,000	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 32,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,155,028
(13) Gifts and donations	\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192,000	\$ 417,000	\$ 613,566
(14) Rental of facilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 306,000	\$ 351,509
(15) Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,000	\$ 356,596
(16) Gains on disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(17) Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,000	\$ -	\$ 52,000	\$ 152,765
(18) TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 6,372,000	\$ 80,959,000	\$ 12,114,000	\$ 2,847,000	\$ 3,273,000	\$ 2,326,000	\$ 107,891,000	\$ 97,223,354

EXPENSES								
(19) Certificated salaries	\$ 1,299,000	\$ 43,271,000			\$ 926,000	\$ -	\$ 45,496,000	\$ 40,519,118
(20) Certificated benefits	\$ 298,000	\$ 12,095,000			\$ 254,000	\$ -	\$ 12,647,000	\$ 8,212,191
(21) Non-certificated salaries and wages	\$ 1,863,000	\$ 16,549,000	\$ 3,159,000	\$ -	\$ 1,213,000	\$ 1,569,000	\$ 24,353,000	\$ 17,150,596
(22) Non-certificated benefits	\$ 465,000	\$ 4,068,000	\$ 753,000	\$ 0	\$ 258,000	\$ 376,000	\$ 5,920,000	\$ 3,589,338
(23) SUB - TOTAL	\$ 3,925,000	\$ 75,983,000	\$ 3,912,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,651,000	\$ 1,945,000	\$ 88,416,000	\$ 69,471,243
(24) Services, contracts and supplies	\$ 2,442,000	\$ 5,185,000	\$ 5,356,000	\$ 2,843,000	\$ 587,000	\$ 219,000	\$ 16,632,000	\$ 18,552,870
(25) Amortization of supported tangible capital assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,112,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,000	\$ 4,225,000	\$ 3,859,709
(26) Amortization of unsupported tangible capital assets	\$ -	\$ 506,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 820,000	\$ 681,223
(27) Amortization of supported ARO tangible capital assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,000	\$ -
(28) Amortization of unsupported ARO tangible capital assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,000
(29) Accretion expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(30) Supported interest on capital debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(31) Unsupported interest on capital debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(32) Other interest and finance charges	\$ 5,000	\$ 43,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 135,023
(33) Losses on disposal of tangible capital assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(34) Other expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(35) TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,372,000	\$ 81,717,000	\$ 13,756,000	\$ 2,847,000	\$ 3,273,000	\$ 2,326,000	\$ 110,291,000	\$ 92,776,068
(36) OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ (758,000)	\$ (1,642,000)	\$ (0)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,400,000)	\$ 4,447,286

BUDGETED SCHEDULE OF FEE REVENUE
for the Year Ending August 31

	Approved Budget 2026/2027	Approved Budget 2025/2026	Actual 2024/2025
FEES			
TRANSPORTATION	\$170,000	\$176,000	\$427,167
BASIC INSTRUCTION SUPPLIES (Instructional supplies, & materials)	\$0	\$0	\$0
LUNCHROOM SUPERVISION & NOON HOUR ACTIVITY FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEES TO ENHANCE BASIC INSTRUCTION			
Technology user fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alternative program fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fees for optional courses	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$179,427
ECS enhanced program fees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Activity fees	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$66,002
Other fees to enhance education (Describe here)	\$0	\$0	\$0
NON-CURRICULAR FEES			
Extra-curricular fees	\$150,000	\$110,000	\$298,768
Non-curricular goods and services	\$175,000	\$130,000	\$167,088
Non-curricular travel	\$30,000	\$150,000	\$29,737
OTHER FEES (Describe here)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEES	\$710,000	\$776,000	\$1,168,189

PLEASE DO NOT USE "SCHOOL GENERATED FUNDS" AS A CATEGORY

Please disclose amounts paid by parents of students that are recorded as "Sales of services and products" (rather than fee revenue). Note that this schedule should include only amounts collected from parents and so it may not agree with the Statement of Operations.	Approved Budget 2026/2027	Approved Budget 2025/2026	Actual 2024/2025
Cafeteria sales, hot lunch, milk programs	\$275,000	\$450,000	\$279,892
Special events	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$38,690
Sales or rentals of other supplies/services	\$40,000	\$240,000	\$62,825
International and out of province student revenue	\$25,000	\$65,000	\$56,146
Adult education revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Preschool	\$175,000	\$350,000	\$159,480
Child care & before and after school care	\$985,000	\$1,140,000	\$664,346
Lost item replacement fees	\$0	\$0	\$15,757
Other (describe) Other (Describe)	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Other (describe) Other (Describe)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (describe)	\$0	\$0	
Other (describe)	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL	\$1,520,000	\$2,285,000	\$1,277,137

PROJECTED SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS (SUMMARY)

for the Year Ending August 31

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	ACCUMULATED OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICITS (2+3+4+7)	INVESTMENT IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	ENDOWMENTS	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS (5+6)	UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS	INTERNALLY RESTRICTED	
						OPERATING RESERVES	CAPITAL RESERVES
Actual balances per AFS at August 31, 2025	\$26,360,912	\$3,187,573	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$1,793,146	\$3,206,853	\$18,173,339
2025/2026 Estimated impact to AOS for:							
Prior period adjustment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Estimated surplus(deficit)	\$0			\$0	\$0		
Estimated board funded capital asset additions		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projected board funded ARO tangible capital asset additions		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Estimated disposal of unsupported tangible capital assets	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0
Budgeted disposal of unsupported ARO tangible capital assets	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0
Estimated amortization of capital assets (expense)		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Estimated capital revenue recognized - Alberta Education and Childcare		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Estimated capital revenue recognized - Alberta Infrastructure		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Estimated capital revenue recognized - Other GOA		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Estimated capital revenue recognized - Other sources		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted amortization of ARO tangible capital assets		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Estimated capital revenue recognized - supported ARO		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted board funded ARO liabilities - recognition		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted board funded ARO liabilities - remediation		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Estimated changes in Endowments	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		
Estimated unsupported debt principal repayment		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Estimated reserve transfers (net)				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Estimated assumptions/transfers of operations - capital lease addition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Estimated Balances for August 31, 2026	\$26,360,912	\$3,187,573	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$1,793,146	\$3,206,853	\$18,173,339
2026/27 Budget projections for:							
Budgeted surplus(deficit)	(\$2,400,000)			(\$2,400,000)	(\$2,400,000)		
Projected board funded tangible capital asset additions		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projected board funded ARO tangible capital asset additions		\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Budgeted disposal of unsupported tangible capital assets	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0
Budgeted disposal of unsupported ARO tangible capital assets	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0
Budgeted amortization of capital assets (expense)		(\$5,045,000)		\$5,045,000	\$5,045,000		
Budgeted capital revenue recognized - Alberta Education and Childcare		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted capital revenue recognized - Alberta Infrastructure		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted capital revenue recognized - Other GOA		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted capital revenue recognized - Other sources		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted amortization of ARO tangible capital assets		(\$76,000)		\$76,000	\$76,000		
Budgeted capital revenue recognized - supported ARO		\$76,000		(\$76,000)	(\$76,000)		
Budgeted board funded ARO liabilities - recognition		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted board funded ARO liabilities - remediation		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Budgeted changes in Endowments	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0		
Budgeted unsupported debt principal repayment		\$0		\$0	\$0		
Projected reserve transfers (net)				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projected assumptions/transfers of operations - capital lease addition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projected Balances for August 31, 2027	\$23,960,911	(\$1,857,427)	\$0	\$7,644,999	\$4,438,146	\$3,206,853	\$18,173,339

SCHEDULE OF USES FOR ACCUMULATED SURPLUSES AND RESERVES
for the Year Ending August 31

		Unrestricted Surplus Usage			Operating Reserves Usage			Capital Reserves Usage		
		Year Ended			Year Ended			Year Ended		
		31-Aug-2027	30-Aug-2028	30-Aug-2029	31-Aug-2027	30-Aug-2028	30-Aug-2029	31-Aug-2027	30-Aug-2028	30-Aug-2029
Projected opening balance		\$1,793,146	\$6,838,146	\$6,838,146	\$3,206,853	\$3,206,853	\$3,206,853	\$18,173,339	\$18,173,339	\$18,173,339
Projected excess of revenues over expenses (surplus only)	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0						
Budgeted disposal of board funded TCA and ARO TCA	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Budgeted amortization of capital assets (expense)	Explanation	\$5,121,000	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Budgeted capital revenue recognized, including ARO assets amortization	Explanation	(\$76,000)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Budgeted changes in Endowments	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Budgeted board funded ARO liabilities - recognition	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Budgeted board funded ARO liabilities - remediation	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Budgeted unsupported debt principal repayment	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Projected reserves transfers (net)	Unsupported amortization to capital reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Projected assumptions/transfers of operations	Techonology asset renewal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Increase in (use of) school generated funds	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
New school start-up costs	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Decentralized school reserves	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Non-recurring certificated remuneration	Grid creep, net salary increases	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Non-recurring non-certificated remuneration	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Non-recurring contracts, supplies & services	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Professional development, training & support	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Transportation Expenses	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Operations & maintenance	Increased insurance costs - unsupported	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
English language learners	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
System Administration	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
OH&S / wellness programs	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
B & S administration organization / reorganization	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Debt repayment	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
POM expenses	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Non-salary related programming costs (explain)	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Repairs & maintenance - School building & land	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Repairs & maintenance - Technology	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Repairs & maintenance - Vehicle & transportation	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Repairs & maintenance - Administration building	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Repairs & maintenance - POM building & equipment	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Repairs & maintenance - Other (explain)	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0			
Capital costs - School land & building	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - School modernization	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - School modular & additions	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - School building partnership projects	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - Technology	Techonology asset renewal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - Vehicle & transportation	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - Administration building	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - POM building & equipment	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Costs - Furniture & Equipment	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital costs - Other	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Building leases	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other 1 - please use this row only if no other row is appropriate	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other 2 - please use this row only if no other row is appropriate	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other 3 - please use this row only if no other row is appropriate	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Other 4 - please use this row only if no other row is appropriate	Explanation	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0
Estimated closing balance for operating contingency		\$6,838,146	\$6,838,146	\$6,838,146	\$3,206,853	\$3,206,853	\$3,206,853	\$18,173,339	\$18,173,339	\$18,173,339
Out of Balance										
Total surplus as a percentage of 2027 Expenses		25.59%	25.59%	25.59%						
ASO as a percentage of 2027 Expenses		9.11%	9.11%	9.11%						

DETAILS OF RESERVES AND
MAXIMUM OPERATING RESERVE LIMIT EXEMPTION CRITERIA
for the Year Ending August 31, 2026

This template is designed to provide information about your school jurisdiction's reserves and to assist you in determining if you need to submit a letter requesting an exemption to exceed the maximum limit of Operating Reserves to the Minister. It has been split in to two parts, Part 1: exemptions (Row 21 - 51) and Part 2: transfers between operating and capital reserves (Row 52 - 67).

Complete Part 1 if over 6% in cell B24. Check for flag in cell E27.

Part 1: As per the 2025/26 Funding Manual, a formal request for an exemption to exceed the 2025/26 maximum operating reserve must be approved by the board and submitted to the Minister. If a reserve request to exceed the limit is required, please submit your formal letter by November 30, 2026. This tab should be attached as a supplement to your formal request. School jurisdictions who are projecting their 2025/26 operating reserves to be over their 2025/26 maximum limit, which is based on 6% of school jurisdiction's 2024/25 total expenses, and intend to submit a formal 2025/26 exemption request must complete Section A (if a 2024/25 exemption request was made and Ministerial approved) and Section B, explaining the rationale for an exemption and demonstrating when operating reserves will be drawn down below 6% over the subsequent school years.

Complete Part 2 if projecting transfers between operating and capital reserves.

Part 2: If your school jurisdiction is projecting to transfer between operating and capital reserves for the 2025/26 and/or 2026/27 school year, please complete the section under Row 52. The transfer amounts reported should agree with the 'AOS' tab. Please note that a letter requesting Ministerial approval is required to transfer from Capital to Operating Reserves.

PART 1: EXEMPTIONS

		Amount
Estimated Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations as at Aug. 31, 2026		\$ 5,000,000
Less: School Generated Funds in Operating Reserves (from 2024/25 AFS)		\$ 498,964
Estimated 2025/26 Operating Reserves	4.85%	\$4,501,036
Maximum 2025/26 Operating Reserve Limit	6.00%	\$ 5,566,564
Estimated 2025/26 Operating Reserves Over Maximum Limit		\$ -

SECTION A: 2024/25 EXEMPTION REQUEST

Cell E29 reports your school jurisdiction's 2024/25 Ministerial approval exemption amount over your 2024/25 maximum limit.

Not Applicable

Cell E30 shows the school year you planned to return below the limit, as per your 2024/25 exemption approval.

Not Applicable

If you've been approved for a 2024/25 exemption and will be requesting an exemption for 2025/26, please provide the following details below: Have you followed the drawdown plan from your 2024/25 exemption request? If yes, please outline what has been achieved. Please indicate the \$ figure amounts and initiatives.

If not, please explain any deviations from the original plan and the reasons for the changes.

SECTION B: (MAX LIMIT EXEMPTION CRITERIA)

Please provide **detailed rationale** and planned usage for operating reserves in excess of the 2025/26 maximum: \$ -

Please note that this does not constitute as a Ministerial request for approval. An exemption request letter submitted to the Minister is still required for an exemption for the 2024/25 school year.

Provide a detailed drawdown plan to illustrate how and when the reserve balance will be below 6.0%.

	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Additional Comments
Opening operating reserve balance	\$ 4,501,036	\$ 4,501,036	\$ 4,501,036	
[Itemized description for increase/(decrease) to reserves]				
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	\$ 4,501,036	\$ 4,501,036	\$ 4,501,036	Ensure this reasonably aligns with the projected operating reserve balances on the AOS2 tab (Row 68)
	4.85%	4.85%	4.85%	

PART 2: TRANSFERS BETWEEN OPERATING AND CAPITAL RESERVES

Please report the projected amounts and detailed rationale for transfers between operating reserves and capital reserves for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 school year. The net transfer between operating and capital reserves should agree the amounts reported in the 'AOS' tab. (Note: Ministerial approval is required to transfer from Capital to Operating Reserves):

	2025/26	Detailed Rationale
Projected Transfer from Operating to Capital Reserves (Please enter a negative amount)	\$ -	
Projected Transfer from Capital to Operating Reserves (Please enter a positive amount)	\$ -	
Net Transfer Between Operating and Capital Reserves	\$ -	
	2026/27	Detailed Rationale
Projected Transfer from Operating to Capital Reserves (Please enter a negative amount)	\$ -	
Projected Transfer from Capital to Operating Reserves (Please enter a positive amount)	\$ -	
Net Transfer Between Operating and Capital Reserves	\$ -	

PROJECTED STUDENT STATISTICS
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) ENROLLED STUDENTS

	Budgeted 2026/2027 (Note 2)	Actual 2025/2026	Actual 2024/2025	
Grades 1 to 12				
<u>Eligible Funded Students:</u>				
Grades 1 to 9	4,500	4,727	4,650	Head count
Grades 10 to 12	1,380	1,375	1,360	Head count
Total	5,880	6,102	6,010	Grade 1 to 12 students eligible for base instruction funding from Alberta Education and Childcare.
Percentage Change	-3.6%	1.5%		Impact of lower ECS enrolment in last two years and change in immigration policies
<u>Other Students:</u>				
Total	45	42	48	Note 3
Total Net Enrolled Students	5,925	6,144	6,058	
Home Ed Students	-	-	-	Note 4
Total Enrolled Students, Grades 1-12	5,925	6,144	6,058	
Percentage Change	-3.6%	1.4%		
Of the Eligible Funded Students:				
Students with Severe Disabilities	470	493	429	FTE of students with severe disabilities as reported by the board via PASI.
Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities	855	900	819	FTE of students identified with mild/moderate disabilities as reported by the board via PASI.
EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS)				
Eligible Funded Children	580	626	767	ECS children eligible for ECS base instruction funding from Alberta Education and Childcare.
Other Children	170	235	231	ECS children not eligible for ECS base instruction funding from Alberta Education and Childcare.
Total Enrolled Children - ECS	750	861	998	
Program Hours	475	475	475	Minimum program hours is 475 Hours
FTE Ratio	0.500	0.500	0.500	Actual hours divided by 950
FTE's Enrolled, ECS	375	431	499	
Percentage Change	-12.9%	-13.7%		Reflective of overall reduction of younger families in the community and immigration policies
Home Ed Students	-	-	-	Note 4
Total Enrolled Students, ECS	750	861	998	
Percentage Change	-12.9%	-13.7%		
Of the Eligible Funded Children:				
Students with Severe Disabilities (PUF)	190	191	172	FTE of students with severe disabilities as reported by the board via PASI.
Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities	280	288	253	FTE of students identified with mild/moderate disabilities as reported by the board via PASI.
NOTES:				
1) Enrolment is to be completed WHEREVER APPLICABLE and are 'as at September 30th' for each year.				
2) Budgeted enrolment is to be based on best information available at time of the 2026/2027 budget report preparation.				
3) Other Grade 1 to 12 students that are not eligible for base instruction funding from Alberta Education and Childcare include First Nations students living on reserves for which tuition fee payments are made from Band or AANDC (Code 330), students younger than 5 1/2 or older than 20, and out-of-province and foreign students.				
4) Because they are funded separately, Home Education students are not included with total net enrolled students. Home Education Kindergartens, under ECS, do not apply to charter schools.				

PROJECTED STAFFING STATISTICS
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) PERSONNEL

CERTIFICATED STAFF	Budget 2026/2027		Actual 2025/2026		Actual 2024/2025		Notes
	Total	Union Staff	Total	Union Staff	Total	Union Staff	
School Based	364.0	364.0	344.0	344.0	332.0	332.0	Teacher certification required for performing functions at the school level.
Non-School Based	12.0	6.0	12.0	6.0	9.0	4.0	Teacher certification required for performing functions at the system/central office level.
Total Certificated Staff FTE	376.0	370.0	356.0	350.0	341.0	336.0	FTE for personnel possessing a valid Alberta teaching certificate or equivalency.
Percentage Change	5.6%		4.4%		10.3%		Includes new teachers funded under Class Size Reduction grant and Complexity Teams
If an average standard cost is used, please disclose rate:	-		-		-		
Student F.T.E. per certificated Staff	16.76		18.47		19.23		

Certificated Staffing Change due to:

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Enrolment Change	1.0	1.0				
Other Factors	19.0	19.0				
Total Change	20.0	20.0				Year-over-year change in Certificated FTE

Breakdown, where total change is Negative:

Continuous contracts terminated	-	-				FTEs
Non-permanent contracts not being renewed	-	-				FTEs
Other (retirement, attrition, etc.)	-	-				
Total Negative Change in Certificated FTEs	-	-				Breakdown required where year-over-year total change in Certificated FTE is 'negative' only.

Please note that the information in the section below only includes Certificated Number of Teachers (not FTEs):

Certificated Number of Teachers

Permanent - Full time	336.0	336.0	302.0	302.0	305.0	305.0
Permanent - Part time	-	-	-	-	-	-
Probationary - Full time	40.0	34.0	36.0	36.0	30.0	30.0
Probationary - Part time	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary - Full time	-	-	-	-	-	-
Temporary - Part time	-	-	-	-	-	-

NON-CERTIFICATED STAFF

Instructional - Education Assistants	305.0	305.0	293.0	293.0	306.0	306.0	Personnel support students as part of a multidisciplinary team with teachers and other support personnel to provide meaningful instruction
Instructional - Other non-certificated instruction		58.0	-	58.0	55.0	35.0	Personnel providing instruction support for schools under 'Instruction' program areas other than EAs
Operations & Maintenance	41.0	40.0	41.0	40.0	41.0	40.0	Personnel providing support to maintain school facilities
Transportation - Bus Drivers Employed	-	-	-	-	-	-	Bus drivers employed, but not contracted
Transportation - Other Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-	Other personnel providing direct support to the transportation of students to and from school other than bus drivers employed
Other	33.0	15.0	33.0	15.0	31.0	18.0	Personnel in System Admin. and External service areas.
Total Non-Certificated Staff FTE	379.0	418.0	367.0	406.0	433.0	399.0	FTE for personnel not possessing a valid Alberta teaching certificate or equivalency.
Percentage Change	3.3%		-15.2%		-12.5%		

Explanation of Changes to Non-Certificated Staff:

Includes Education Assistants in Classroom Complexity Teams

Additional Information

Are non-certificated staff subject to a collective agreement?	Yes
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Please provide terms of contract for 2026/27 and future years for non-certificated staff subject to a collective agreement along with the number of qualifying staff FTE's. All Union Staff (379 FTE) are members of CUPE Local 2559. Collective Agreement is valid until August 2028
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