

LCCHS Governing Board: Response to Budget Consultation 2020-2021

Question 1: What is your relationship to the Lester B. Pearson School Board?

- Governing Board

Question 2: Do you have any suggestions regarding objectives, principles or criteria used to govern the allocation of funds?

- Flexibility in terms of purchasing – the tender process delays purchasing – consideration should be given to the possibility of direct requests being made from the school (principal) directly to the source.

Question 3: To help us further support our students' success, in your opinion, which of the following resources and programs are essential to supporting high levels of student achievement? Please select all that apply.

- We view all of the resources and programs below as essential to supporting student achievement; note that proper **staff training** is an integral part of ensuring the success of all of the following:
 1. Integration of Technology (this should include investment into the purchase of additional and up-to-date hardware e.g., Chromebooks, and software)
 2. Early Literacy Intervention
 3. Renewed Math Strategy
 4. French programming
 5. Experiential Learning
 6. Special Education programming

Question 4: The school boards priority is to maintain buildings in the best condition that is possible within the budgets provided by the Ministry of Education. If there are surplus funds available please choose the school and centre building component that you believe requires the most service, maintenance or replacement.

- We believe that there should be investment in OUTDOOR classrooms and outdoor classroom furniture. The pandemic demonstrated not only the need for this, but also the tremendous benefits of holding classes outside.

Question 5: In light of upcoming budget compressions, do you have suggestions for cost savings throughout the school board?

- Public education has undergone budget compressions to the point where the system is suffering and students are paying the price. There are difficult choices to be made and we recommend creativity and innovation on the part of the school board in opposing budget compressions and in demonstrating that more cuts are simply not feasible.