



Lester B. Pearson
School Board



Riverview Elementary School

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Lester B. Pearson School Board
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Dear Me. Dugré,

On behalf of the Riverview Elementary School Governing Board, I kindly request that you accept the attached document as our Governing Board's feedback on the 2021-2022 Budget Consultation.

We are grateful to have this consultative experience and appreciate the opportunity this has brought us, to be involved in the education of our children and community.

Respectfully yours,

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RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2021-2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES

In response to the Lester B. Pearson School Board's Annual Budget Consultation, Riverview Elementary School's Governing Board's budgetary suggestions are as follows.

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

Elementary School Governing Board

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

1. Schools with considerable underprivileged populations, in areas which are gentrifying, are being reclassified and are losing funding as the overall socio-economic indices increase. This has a detrimental effect on these schools by drastically reducing their allocation, which means less funds are available for the students whose needs are greater. The LBPSB should look at the specific school community, not simply the community at large, and compensate for the imbalance in order to provide an equitable learning experience for all students across the board.

2. Student and staff physical and mental health and wellness should be at the forefront of these considerations.

- Ensuring the maintenance of small class sizes, allowing students and staff to learn and work in an optimal environment.
- Prioritizing safe and secure online / digital citizenship: as the recent shift towards agile teaching/learning infrastructure evolves, the need for responsible management and support grows ever more important, in order to prepare and guide students and staff for safe use of their digital tools.
- Transportation safety requires bus monitors to be present to ensure that our children are travelling between home and school in a safe space, while allowing for reliable and efficient conflict resolution.

3. Environmental impact should be considered, with the Board making sound, environmentally-conscious decisions, and taking on a leadership role in implementing Green initiatives wherever possible.

4. Marketing: with English schools facing an increasingly dwindling population from which to draw their students, it is imperative that the LBPSB actively prioritize the promotion of their schools. It is no longer enough to passively promote LBPSB schools using traditional methods. By emphasizing the strengths and successes of the LBPSB schools, the Board could help to stem the flow of families towards alternatives such as other school boards, or private schools.

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?

- Special Needs Programming, focusing on social emotional delays, and learning disabilities
- Early Literacy Intervention (working with digital tools, resource specialists, and creative arts)
- Renewed Math Strategy (integrate game based, hands on learning, which students can use from home to maintain their interest and progression)
- French Programming (working with digital tools, local resources, and creative arts)
- Experiential Learning (hands-on, alternative enrichment activities, UDL approach)
- Staff Training as related to all of the above

Question 4: The school board's 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.

Grounds maintenance, exterior work:

We would urge the Board to provide any surplus funds available to make improvements in school grounds and provide necessary exterior work to schools and centres whose needs are greatest. By improving the safety and security of school grounds, and enhancing the outdoor areas on school property, our elementary children, high school students, and centre students will benefit from an enjoyable outdoor experience before, during, and after school hours.

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

Our school suffers as a result of budget compressions, and we therefore urge the Board to maintain and where possible, increase funding to ensure our most vulnerable students are not further disadvantaged.

Question 6: N/A