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M^e Geneviève Dugré
Secretary General
Lester B. Pearson School Board

RE: Consultation on the 2021-2022 Budget Priorities

Dear M^e Dugré,

At our meeting held February 3rd our Governing Board discussed the Budget Priorities for the upcoming school year. Here is our response:

APPENDIX C: 2021-2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES

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

Answer:
Governing Board

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

Answer:

1. More funding for teachers' aides & their training (TES, Spec Ed Techs, Behavior tech etc).
2. Funding for children with different needs (Increased Occupational Therapists, Speech therapists, Psychologists and other specialists)
3. An allocated amount of money for didactic resources per teacher in each grade level.
4. Funding in order to reduce class sizes and accommodate flexible learning environments
5. Librarians
6. Funding for field trips (after Covid)
7. Adequate snow removal and ice removal in and around schools and yards to Provide safe spaces for children and parents bringing children to school.



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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

Answer: (in order of importance)

1. Early Literacy Intervention
2. French Programming
3. Staff Training
4. Renewed Math Strategy
5. Experiential learning
6. Integration of technology
7. 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/or centre building component that you believe requires the most service, maintenance or replacement.

Answer:

1. **Interior upgrade-** NEW WINDOWS and Fresh Paint
2. **Classroom Furniture:** Needs to be more ergonomically suited for students. Taking kids sizes into consideration as well as occupational therapy.
3. **Lighting:** It is currently outdated, dusty and loud. Not great for learning.
4. **Building Structure:** Fix many cracks and leaks. There is an issue with drainage and sewage smell.
5. **Grounds Maintenance:** Regular washing of windows as it seems as if it is never or rarely done.

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

Answer:

1. Change lights to sensor lights and LED. Good for the environment and definitely cost efficient.
2. Reduce use of Garbage bags- Both cost effective and environmentally friendly



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Other Comments or Suggestions:

As per our request last year we would like to see how funds are used and in the case of surplus how it is distributed. In order to help us consult on these topics we would like to have yearly correspondence on the outcomes based on the consultations that are made.

We would also like to re-iterate, as we have in the past, that as a school that takes the integration of students seriously, the teaching staff needs to be given the proper training and tools to be successful. It is imperative that we get the proper support to reach the goal of giving the integrated children what they need to succeed.

On behalf of the St. John Fisher Jr. Governing Board, I thank you for the opportunity to offer our input.

Respectfully,

Nadia Lawand, Chair
St. John Fisher Junior Governing Board