

PRESS RELEASE

LESTER B. PEARSON SCHOOL BOARD 2021-2022 BUDGET

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At the June 28th, 2021 Council of Commissioners meeting, the Lester B. Pearson School Board adopted a balanced budget of \$325,720,811. The school board consults with stakeholders and prioritizes school and centre needs in accordance with the school board's vision of achieving excellence by maximizing the potential of each individual.

The Quebec government has created a revitalization plan for the 2021-2022 school year for educational success. The government has announced an additional \$110 million to support the consolidation of learning. Although we have not yet received the details of how much of this funding will be allocated to the Lester B. Pearson School Board, we are eagerly awaiting the specifics so as to improve our learning environments. Maintaining in-presence learning is a priority for the Quebec government, and we are committed to ensuring that we continue to adapt to conditions imposed by the on-going public health situation.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board continues to implement new initiatives to benefit students throughout our system, including:

- An additional \$1.3 million in direct services to students;
- An additional \$700,000 in funding for students with special needs;
- Additional funding for feeding students in the youth sector;
- An increase in the grant for safe and active elementary school yards to \$344,093;
- \$2.6 million for extracurricular activities at the secondary level. The grant for secondary
 extracurricular activities is to encourage students to develop a sense of belonging at school while
 developing new skills in sports, arts and cultural activities, robotics, science activities and
 community involvement.

On June 17th, the Lester B. Pearson School Board was pleased to learn that funds have been allocated for the construction of a new 21-classroom elementary school off the island of Montreal. We are looking forward to receiving more information from the government for this much-needed addition to our off-island territory.

The Lester B. Pearson School Board would like to thank all students, employees, families, and communities for their continued support. Together, we can achieve excellence by maximizing the potential of everyone.