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I have committed to keeping you informed as we proceed through our budget process. Given the results of the provincial election, we are seeking clarification on when we will have a provincial budget and its impact on us.

While there are many unanswered questions, principals should continue to make budget decisions based on the funds allocated to their school through the Resource Allocation Method (RAM).

As I have told you before, the allocation to schools through the RAM funding provides for enrolment growth and allows for school staffing levels equal to those of 2014-15. For now, we are seeking further budget direction from the government before we implement planned reductions to service units. It is important to recognize that the fiscal situation in Alberta remains challenging. As always, we can expect that we will continue to be efficient and prudent in how we use dollars to support student success.

An interim budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 12.

During these changing times, I would like to thank you for continuing to focus on the important work you do every day to support public education and the success of our students. I also urge you to support each other and if you have any questions or concerns, bring them forward to your supervisors and have the conversations that are needed.

Superintendents will continue to provide more information as soon as it is available. You can be assured we are focused on our values and students, and maximizing dollars directed to supporting students continues to be our top priority.

Updated information on the budget process and the opportunity to provide comments is available [on our website](#).

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