

update**2019-20 Budget and Fall Budget Assumptions Report**

Dec. 9, 2019

Dear staff,

Since receiving the budget from the province on October 24, we have been working with our principals and other leaders to find ways to address our \$32 million budget shortfall.

I have received many emails, calls and comments from parents, students and staff that emphasize the tremendous impact made by the people, like you, who make up our school system.

We are grateful that the provincial government has provided us with the flexibility to use Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) dollars to prioritize our students, classrooms and families. We are confident we can reduce our spending on buildings and maintenance this year without compromising the safety of our students and staff.

At tomorrow's public board meeting, CBE administration will present an updated Budget Assumptions Report (BAR) to our Board of Trustees. This report includes details about how we will balance our 2019-20 budget with the use of \$15 million in IMR funds. Please note that the CBE's budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval on January 7, 2020.

The [Updated Budget Assumptions Report](#) (Page 5-1) has been posted to our website. Public Board meetings are recorded and can be viewed anytime on the Board of Trustees' [YouTube channel](#).

Following tomorrow's Board meeting, I will provide you with more detailed information. I will also be sending an email to all families to update them on our Budget plans.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this budget process. I am committed to communicating updates and decisions to you as soon as they are confirmed.

Sincerely,

Christopher Usih
Chief Superintendent of Schools

