

## news release

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### CBE operating budget supports students

The development of the proposed 2014-15 operating budget is guided by CBE values:

- Students come first
- Learning is our central purpose
- Public education serves the common good.

The use of operating reserves will allow the CBE to avoid significant cuts to programming and service levels in 2014-15 and to make some strategic investments. Operating costs, however, continue to outpace revenue.

Some highlights of the 2014-15 budget impact on students and schools include:

- Additional \$28.9 million allocated directly to schools via the Resource Allocation Method (RAM). This will result in approximately 180 additional full-time staff in schools. The funds directed to schools will maintain current student to school-based staff ratios.
- Other school support funding increased by \$17.2 million which include supports for staffing relief.
- Groups of students who would most benefit from extended early learning experiences will have access to full-day kindergarten
- Student engagement and achievement will be advanced through personalized instruction and assessment; however, innovations and supports to respond to student learning interests and needs, as well as the changing face of education require thoughtful analysis and decision-making.
- Students and teachers will have access to the learning tools, resources, and environments that help create flexible, responsive and personalized learning opportunities and support student success. New access to Iris, an innovative learning tool, will be supported.

Some things that we would like to do more of but that are limited by this budget include fully funding the deployment of Iris, the replacement of aging computer hardware, expanding internet access and capacity in schools and transitioning libraries to learning commons.

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