



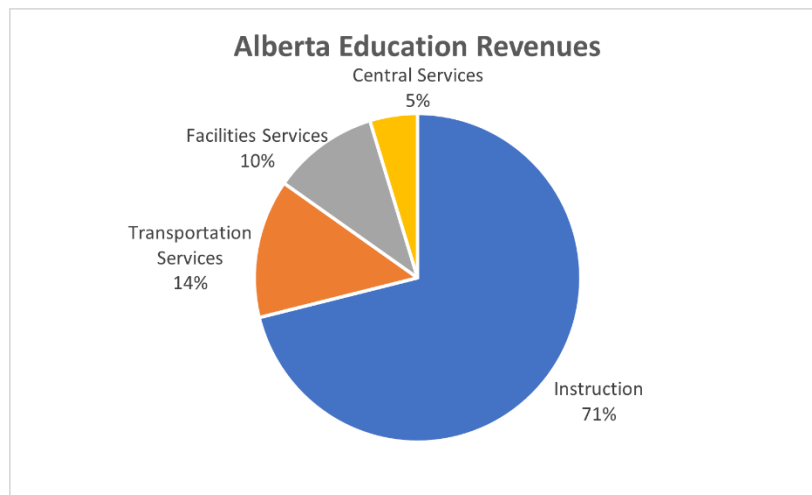
BUFFALO TRAIL PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 2023/24 Budget Approved

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The Board of Trustees of Buffalo Trail Public Schools approved the division’s 2023/24 budget on May 16, 2023, prioritizing direct classroom funding to support student success.

The division’s budget outlines the total revenue from Alberta Education of \$52,757,000. Overall, BTPS saw an increase to our base instructional funding, services and supports funding and community funding from Alberta Education of \$906,500 or 2.6%.

Of the total revenue from Alberta Education, in BTPS 71% of the funding will be directed towards instruction for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students, 10% to operation and maintenance, 14% to transportation, and 5% to governance and central services.



Across the division, BTPS maintains a student-teacher ratio of 16 to 1 – one of the best in the province.

Reflected in the budget is the Board’s decision to maintain BTPS’ supplemental and technology fees of \$60 per student for the 2023/24 school year, allowing for more supports and resources to enhance the learning in our schools.

Highlighted in the new funding for 2023/24 is a new funding formula for transportation services, which includes \$936,500 additional dollars. Starting in September 2023, the division is beginning to transport

eligible Kindergarten to Gr. 6 students who live more than one (1) kilometre from their school and eligible Grade 7 to Grade 12 students who live more than two (2) kilometres from the school; this is a change from 2.4 kilometres in prior years and ahead of the government's mandated September 2024 implementation. Starting in September 2023, the Board of Trustees will also be able to provide a 5% increase to our bus contractors with the additional dollars available. As part of the new funding formula, transportation dollars must be spent on only transportation services.

In operations and maintenance, BTPS will receive an increase of \$229,000, allowing the division to increase attention towards preventative maintenance projects and facility upgrades to enhance learning environments.

BTPS' spending on governance and central office operations remains very efficient and reflects the Board's commitment to maintaining a student-centred approach. For the 2023/24 school year, budgeted costs are in line with the government's allocation of \$2.4 million.

BTPS is confident that we will maximize student learning, in a safe and caring environment, supported by a highly effective team. Our students will continue to receive the highest quality education possible next year.

Buffalo Trail Public Schools fall budget will be posted on the division's website under "About/Reports" by May 31, 2023.