

**BORDER LAND  
SCHOOL DIVISION**  
Community Consultation





# **BLSD CONSULTATION AGENDA**

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Craig Smiley
- **Border Land School Division** – Who are we?
- **Border Land School Division** – Highlights & Successes
- **Border Land School Division** – Financial Information



# VISION

- Empowering responsible citizens within our communities.



# MISSION

- BLSD is committed to fostering inspiring educational opportunities, meaningful relationships, and engaged citizens.



# CORE VALUES

Empathy  
Integrity  
Openness  
Respect  
Responsibility



# WHO ARE WE?

- 2155 FTE Students
- Over 500 staff
- One transportation/clinician office (Dominion City)
- One division office (Altona)
- One maintenance office (Altona)



# WHO ARE WE?

- Town of Altona
- Municipality of Emerson Franklin
- Municipality of Rhineland
- RM of De Salaberry
- RM of La Broquerie
- RM of Montcalm
- RM of Morris
- RM of Piney
- RM of Stuartburn



# MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- BLSD has **401,760 square feet** of aging infrastructure that we must use divisional funds to repair, update and maintain.
- We must comply with all provincial regulations on Accessibility as well as Workplace, Safety and Health.





## DID YOU KNOW?

Border Land School Division covers 4900 square kilometers.

In BLSD, we are budgeting to safely transport nearly **1,620** students everyday on **32** bus routes which equates to **1.275 million kms** annually.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- We run approximately 850 extra-curricular trips in a year for a total of 122,000 km:
  - These trips provide students with the opportunity to participate in band and music festivals, sports teams, provincial sports, French cultural learning experiences, equine assisted learning, RRTVA and University discovery days, science and field trips.



# BLSD BELIEFS

- We believe that:
  - Everyone can learn and deserves appropriate and meaningful education.
  - Ownership, relevance, and engagement form the basis for quality learning.
  - Diversity creates a strong community.
  - Relationship building is the foundation for creating positive environments.



# WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING

- English programming
- French Immersion programming: full K-8, courses 9-12
- Technical Vocational programming



# LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM

- Literacy coaches
- Numeracy coach
- French language coordinator



# STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORTS

- The clinical services team includes the following clinicians:
  - Speech and language pathologists
  - Social workers
  - Psychologists
  - Behaviour support teachers
  - Occupational therapy support (Contracted)
  - Physiotherapy support (Contracted)



# BORDER LAND SUCCESSES

- RRTVA Programming
- Arts programming
- Involvement in the Numeracy Action Research Program
- Performance Based Reading Assessments
- In school residencies with our coaches
- Professional Development Opportunities to enhance teaching and learning
- Divisional ESD day at Shevchenko School
- Treaty Acknowledgment



# SUCCESSSES CON'T ...

- Trustees connections with PACs
- Collaborative system
- Slight increase in enrolment
- Maintenance of schools
- Bus fleet
- Technology and infrastructure
- Small class sizes
- Support for newcomer students



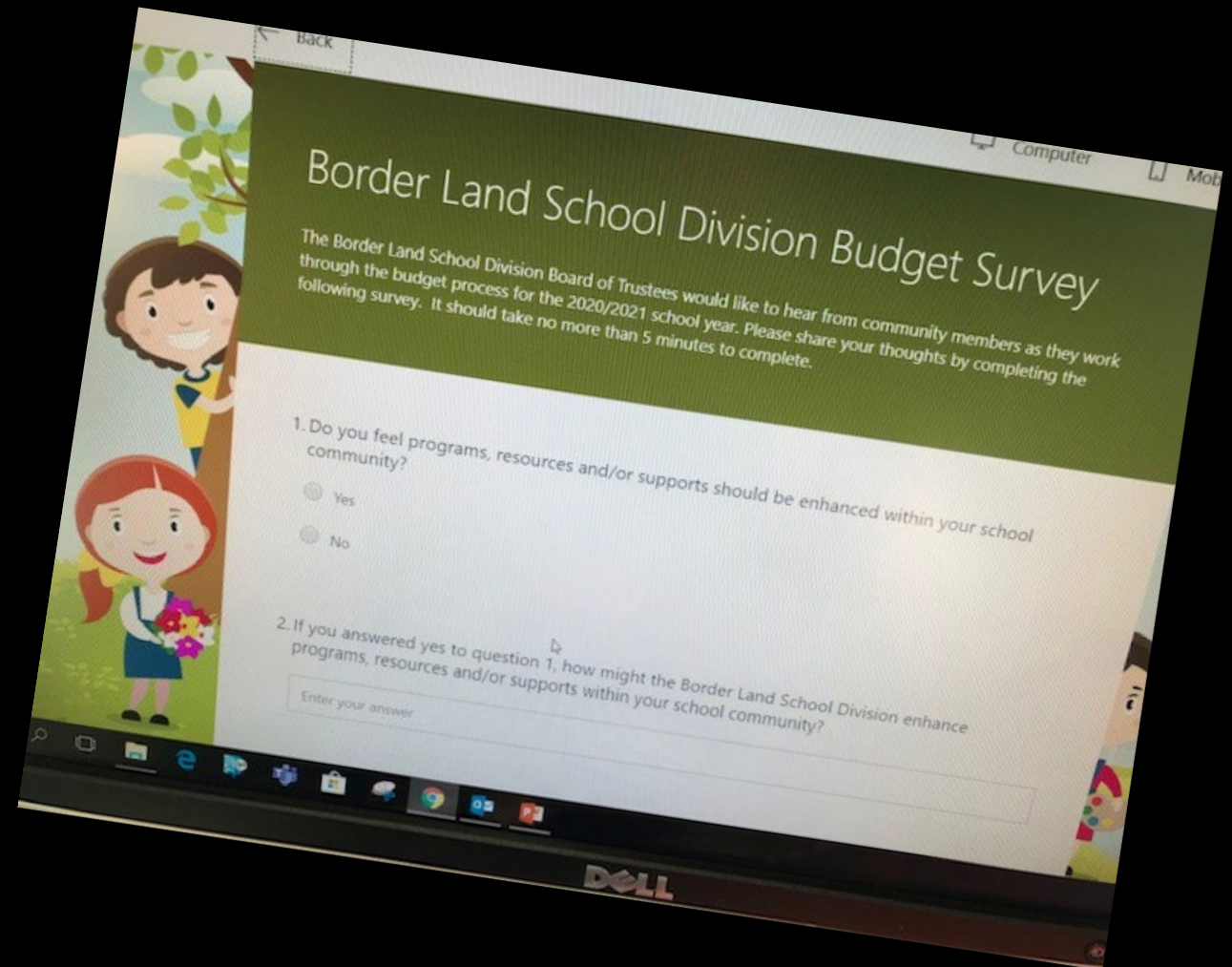


# BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- <https://www.blsd.ca/About/SD%20Ann%20Plan%20and%20Rprt/Pages/default.aspx>
- School Division goals for Literacy, Numeracy, Education for Sustainable Development and Relationships, Engagement & Relevant Learning.
- Meet annually with the Department of Education to review the plan and report from the previous year.

# BORDER LAND SCHOOL DIVISION FINANCES

- Public Survey



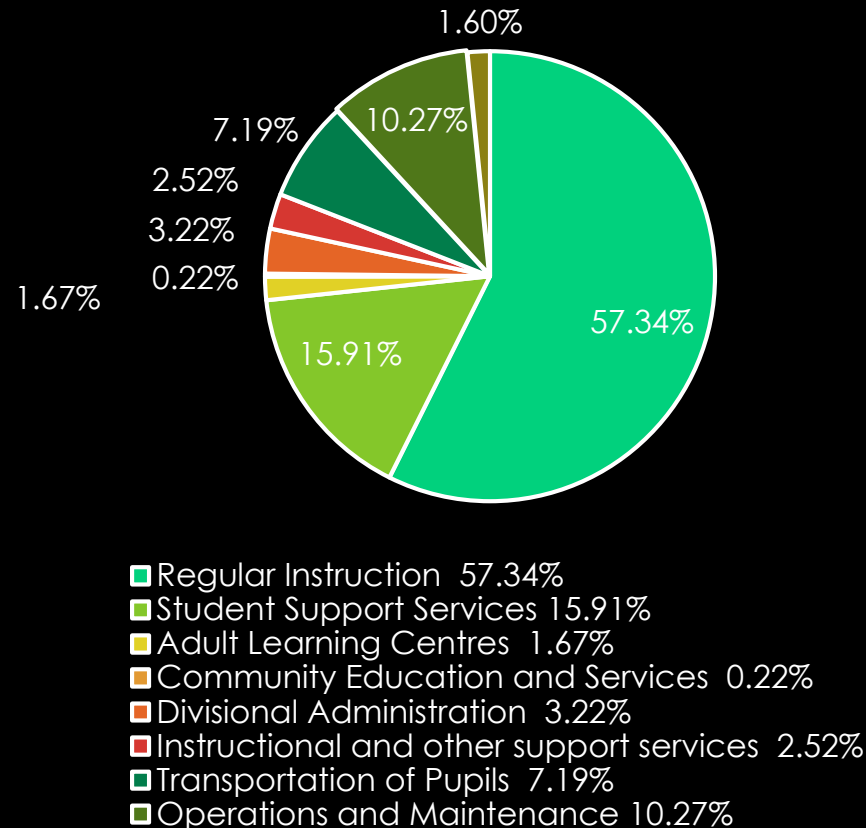
# FINANCES: DID YOU KNOW?

## Budget 2020-2021:

- The Minister directed school divisions to limit the increase to the Special Requirement from taxpayers to 2%. This is equivalent to an increase of \$351,500.
- Border Land School Division received a 2% decrease in provincial funding despite an increase in enrolment. This is equivalent to a decrease of \$288,849.
- Reductions were also made to the General Support Grant resulting in a decrease in support of \$29,000. French Second Language support was decreased \$33,000, and Healthy Living is expected to decrease \$5,500.
- The result is a decrease of provincial government funding of \$356,349.
- Additionally we are anticipating a decrease in First Nation funding.

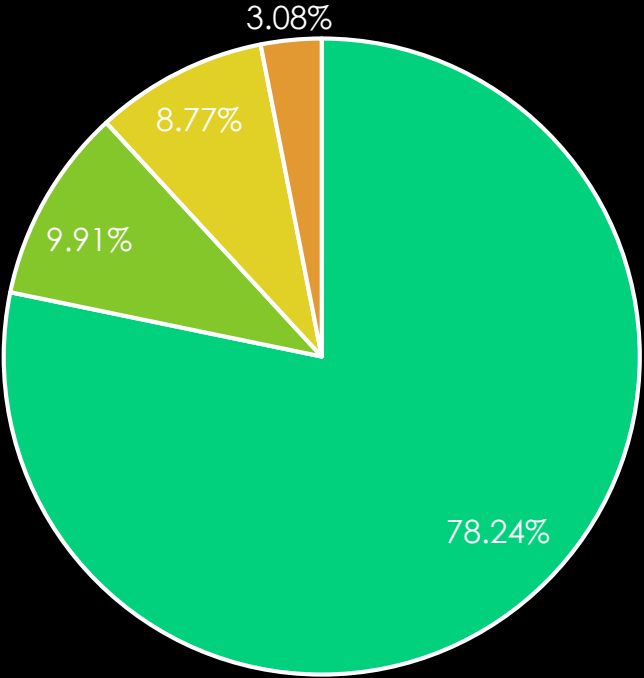
# 2020-2021 BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION

Total Operating Budget - \$35,217,224 (2019-2020 \$35,314,380)



# 2020-2021 BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

Operating Budget \$35,217,224



- Salaries & Benefits 78.24%
- Services & Utilities 9.91%
- Supplies, Materials, & Minor Equipment 8.77%
- Payroll Tax, Vocational, School of Choice 3.08%

# 2020-2021 BUDGETED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

- \$378,100 budgeted for capital expenditures (2019-2020 \$428,586):
  - Land Improvements – drainage, asphalt & concrete upgrades to sidewalks, bus lanes and wheel-chair ramp
  - Buildings – flooring, windows, science lab, gym floor
  - Equipment – auto scrubber, lawn mower, furnace, air-conditioning
  - Furniture & Fixtures – cabinetry, lockers,

# HOW WE GET FROM SPECIAL REQUIREMENT TO MILL RATE?

2019-2020 Budgeted  
Special Requirement

2020-2021 Budgeted  
Special Requirement

BLSD Budget  
2021-2022

2% max increase

60% Special  
Requirement

40% Special  
Requirement

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Requirement

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Requirement

BLSD 2020 Special Levy\*

BLSD 2021 Special Levy\*

\*The Special Levy is then used to determine the mill rate.

# 2020-2021 IMPACT ON LOCAL TAXPAYERS

- The decrease in anticipated provincial funding results in an increase in local funding.
- 2020 is a reassessment year, Border Land's assessment increased by 10%
- Based on the proposed budget we anticipate a decrease in mill rate from 14.75 to 13.76.
- A home valued at \$200,000 can anticipate a decrease in property tax of \$89 if it has not been reassessed. If it has been reassessed an additional 10%, property taxes will increase by \$35.
- 80 acres of farmland valued at \$383,000 can anticipate a decrease in property tax of \$99 if it has not been reassessed. If it has been reassessed an additional 10%, property taxes will increase by \$47.



# HOW IS YOUR DOLLAR SPENT?

Average use of tax dollar	
Frontline, teachers and support services	0.7433
Operations & Maintenance	0.1028
Property Tax	0.0030
Transportation	0.0719
Administration	0.0272
School Boards	0.0050
Local Communities and Adult Learning	0.0192
Professional Development	0.0124
Payroll Tax	0.0152
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# WHAT ABOUT TAXATION?

- The funding formula has not been named as part of the review.
- **Myth:** The education tax line will go away if the local school board goes away.
- **Fact:** Education taxes will always be paid – if the local school division is gone, the taxes will be paid to the provincial government and they will determine how those dollars will be dispersed.
- Education tax rates on farmland is something that is determined by government finance branch, not education.

# WHAT ABOUT TAXATION?

2019	<i>Altona</i>	<i>Emerson-Franklin</i>	<i>Piney</i>	<i>Rhineland</i>	<i>Stuartburn</i>	Total
<b>General Municipality</b>	10,197	2,121	39	-	212	<b>12,569</b>
<b>By-law</b>						
Health Levy	1,494	-	-	-	-	1,494
Local Improvement	7,551	-	-	-	-	7,551
Other By-laws	-	2,422	-	-	-	2,422
Paving	-	-	-	956	-	956
Protective Services	53,519	-	-	-	-	53,519
Special Service	-	4,016	-	1,676	2,887	8,579
Waste Collection/Lagoon	1,575	1,265	-	-	3,872	6,712
<b>Total By-law</b>						<b>81,233</b>
<b>School Division</b>	11,207	1,944	47	-	216	<b>13,414</b>
<b>Provincial Education Support Levy</b>	7,418	1,287	-	-	143	<b>8,848</b>
	92,961	13,055	86	2,632	7,330	<b>116,064</b>



**THANK YOU FOR  
COMING  
Questions???**