



SUNRISE
SCHOOL DIVISION

2026/2027
**Public Budget
Consultation**

Presented December 2, 2025



Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Purpose of Public Consultation/Input

Examination of current financial situation, stats, and review of 25/26 budget information

The asks, challenges and thoughts

School Board of Trustees

Paul Magnan (Chair)	Ward 7
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Alicia Smith	Ward 5
Donna Willson	Ward 8
Vacant	Ward 1



Senior Administration



Trevor Reid,
Superintendent



Jody Thiessen,
Secretary-Treasurer



Lars Feilberg, Assistant
Superintendent, Learning and
Student Services

Purpose of Public Consultation



Inform stakeholders of current fiscal environment



Gather ideas and suggestions from stakeholders



A draft budget will be prepared and presented to the public on February 19, 2026.



Today we will hear the public's priorities to help inform the budget process



Vision

“Every student will have the opportunity to experience the joy of learning in the Sunrise School Division in order to be better prepared for the future, with the knowledge, skills, and values to achieve their own personal goals.”

Per the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

Current Budget Board Priorities



Education Domain - Literacy and Numeracy

- Opportunities
- Tools

Social-Emotional Domain – Mental Health and Well-Being

- Students, Families, Staff, Specialists, Community
- Activities, Celebrations, Belonging, Resilience

Current Budget Board Priorities



Relational Domain – Community and Cultural Connections

- Engage to strengthen the perspectives of our communities
- Honor perspectives of culturally diverse groups

Sunrise Learning Divisional Spending Priorities



Sunrise School Division

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- French Immersion
- Indigenous Education
- Mental Health



Operational Facts

**Enrollment as of
October 1, 2025:
4,801**

**Schools: 13 Public
Schools + 6 Colony
schools + 4 Adult
Learning Centres**

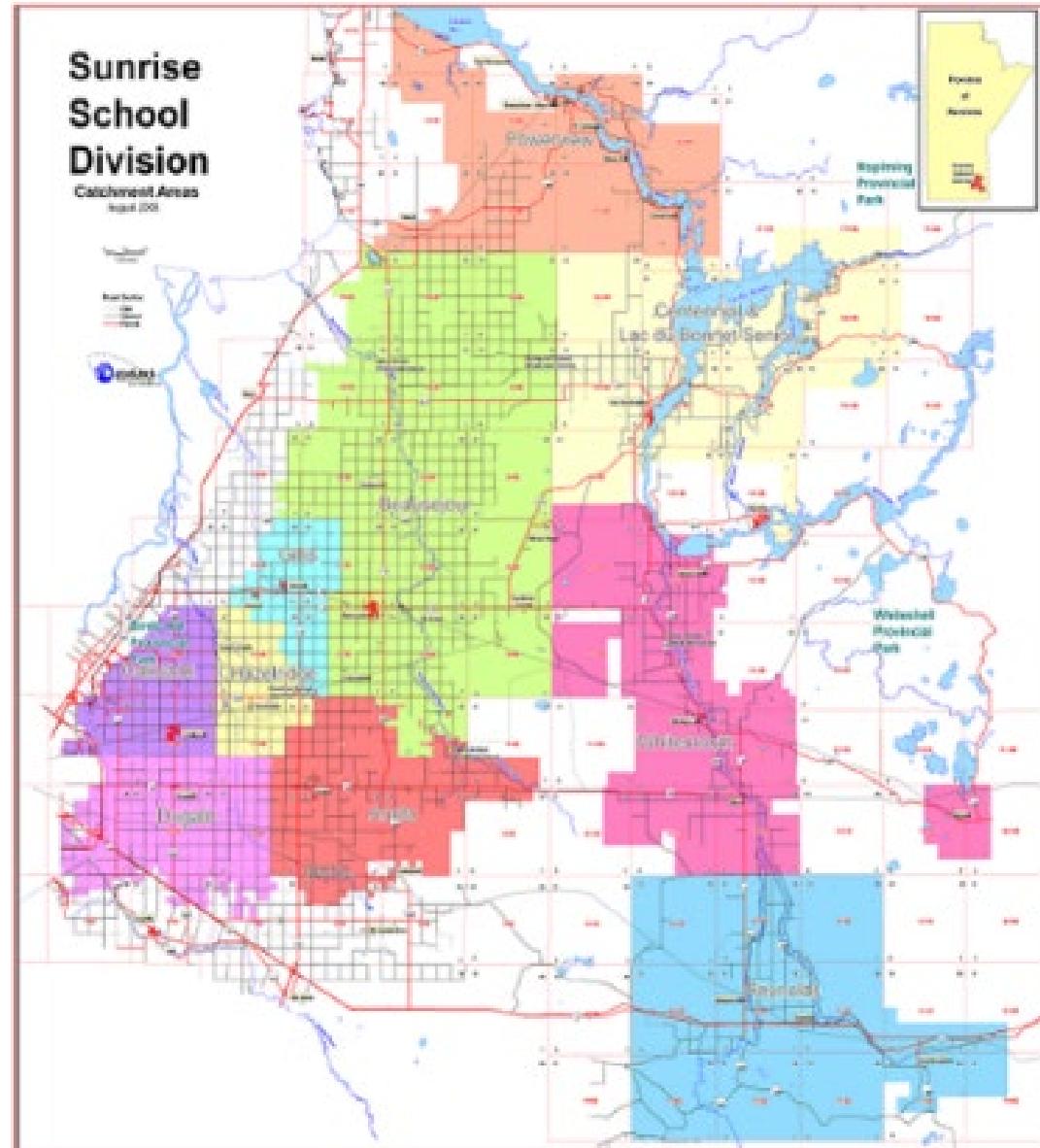
**Total square
footage of
buildings: 860,000**

**Geographical area
of school division:
7,180 sq kms**

**90 Bus Routes -
travel: 2.7 Million
kms every year**

**798 Full Time/Part
Time/ Term
employees & 579
Casual Employees**

Sunrise School Division Map



Current Financial Situation

2025/26 Budget Facts



2025/26 Operating and Capital budget	\$88.7M
Provincial funding	\$53.9M
Funding from Property Tax	\$34.2M
Funding From First Nations	\$412,000
Funding from Other School Divisions	\$82,000
Funding from Private Org. and Individuals	\$41,000
Funding from other Sources	\$79,000

Breakdown of Costs by FRAME 2025/26 Budget



Function	Amount	%
Regular Instruction	\$46.1 M	52%
Student Support Services	\$17.4 M	20%
Adult Learning Centres	\$1.1 M	1%
Community Education and Services	\$61,700	0%
Divisional Administration	\$2.7 M	3%
Instructional and Other Support Services	\$1.8 M	2%
Transportation of Pupils	\$6.8 M	8%
Operations and Maintenance	\$8.8 M	10%
Fiscal	\$1.9 M	2%
Transfers to Capital	\$2.0 M	2%

Breakdown of Costs by Object 25/26 Budget



Object	Amount	%
Salaries	\$64.6 M	73%
Employee Benefit and Allowances	\$5.3 M	6%
Services	\$9.3 M	10%
Supplies, Materials and Minor Equipment	\$4.8 M	5%
Short Term Loan Interest and Bank Charges	\$580,000	1%
Bad Debt Expense	\$3,000	0%
Transfers & Capital	\$4.1 M	5%

We hear the asks



Additional technology or replacement technology



Additional Staff: EAs, custodians, secretaries, teachers

Increase funding for out of school learning experiences, such as field trips



Increases to cover costs for sports, music, art, science. The list can be endless

We hear the asks



vocational education opportunities within division
and more program options at schools



more funding for school specific programming
(esports, hockey, football)

shorter bus runs



We hear the asks



Improvements to playgrounds and fields
(soccer, football, baseball, track)



No more portables at our schools

Challenges



Funding for divisional and school initiatives requires increased revenues, which are limited



Enrolment fluctuations by community



The Province is responsible for funding capital projects, including science labs, portables and building additions, and roof replacements. At this time, the Division has not received approval for any such projects. Consequently, expenditures on roof repairs have increased, as provincial funding for necessary roof replacements has not been granted.

Challenges



Inflation impact on day-to-day operations:
increases in insurance, consumables and utilities



Custodian, Educational Assistant and
Transportation agreements have been ratified



CUPE 4456 (Secretary, Librarian, IT, and Finance)
agreement to be negotiated

Challenges



Hearing from ratepayers in some areas of the School Division to “not raise taxes”



Many asks, none are unreasonable, but the board will have to prioritize based on what funding is available without compromising education.

Thoughts



Between the asks and challenges, prioritizing can be a daunting task for the trustees.



Trustees are out and about in the communities of Sunrise through the year, gathering information to make the best budget decisions for families.



Budget considerations are always in the forefront of conversations with schools and community members

Thoughts



Every year there are increased asks, but funding doesn't match the contractual obligations and fixed overheads



Trustees consistently have the following opinions:
Families with students in schools will ask not to cut programs and are ok with tax increases
Ratepayers without students in schools will ask to lower taxes.



Stakeholder Feedback & Input From The Public

Feedback & Input is welcome

Please send budget input to:

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**Thank-you for attending and viewing
the presentation**