

BOARD 'HOPES' ALL AFFECTED TEACHERS WILL BE RECALLED

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the program but it will be discontinued after that cohort, said Boag.

There was some good news coming out of the board meeting regarding the 154 elementary and 154 secondary teachers recently issued potentially redundant notices.

"We are hopeful that between retirements in this board and growth, we will hopefully be able to recall all those people back to work, however, I would emphasize the individuals will be called back to work, but the positions they currently have will be gone. When I say we are 'hopeful' everybody will be recalled, we cannot guarantee that," said Miller.

Projected growth for next year is approximately 800 students with a recently-announced extra grant from the province to school boards for this growth.

"The bottom line is yes they've given us additional money, but that additional money will not cover the growth we anticipate," said Miller.

"Last year we grew also by over 800 students and the funding increase was over 25.5 million," said Roxana Negoj, Superintendent of Business Services.

"This year we are growing about the same, and we're looking at \$1.4M or \$1.5M so it's a big difference. The increases that we do see in the grants are offset by increases in costs because we are a growing system," said Negoj.

The draft proposal was presented to committee-of-the-whole last night and will return to the board as an Information item June 5. The budget will be voted on at the regular meeting of the board June 19.

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GRADE 7 STUDENTS GET FIT AT GDHS STUDENT-RUN FIT DAY

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Leadership students from Georgetown District High School hosted a Fit Day on May 22, inviting Grade 7 students from neighbouring schools to participate.

"It's a fun day to get kids fit and to get kids familiar with the high school," Sheri Nairn, one of the leadership teachers at GDHS, along with teacher Lisa Laba, said.




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Melissa Green, Amanda Marshall, and Katie Paul, grade 12 leadership students at GDHS. The two leadership classes organized and hosted the Fit Day at GDHS with local grade 7 students invited to attend the event and get a chance to visit the school.

Grade 12 leadership students organize the annual Fit Day, setting up six stations on the GDHS field and in the gymnasiums, including pickleball, archery, cottage games and an obstacle course.

"We've been working on it for weeks," said Amanda

Marshall, a Grade 12 leadership student.


In addition to organizing this event, Grade 12 students also participate in a placement two days a week assisting teachers in classrooms, while participating in-class the other days of the week.




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