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NEWS

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES APPROVE 2022/23 BUDGET

Trustees of the Halton District School Board approved the 2022/2023 budget at their last regular meeting (June 15) until September.

The document includes an \$854.5 million operating budget, a capital budget of \$146.1 million and an in-year deficit elimination plan of \$7.2 million.

Some of the main funding changes in this budget include: an average per pupil funding increase of 2.7 per cent to \$13,059; time-limited COVID-19 Learning Recovery Fund allocation; COVID-19 supports for special education and student mental health, plus the continuation of tutoring supports to address pandemic-induced learning

gaps.

New staff positions in the amount of \$2.4 million include a behaviour analyst, speech language pathologist, nine teachers, two child and youth counsellors, two social workers, one system principal for Indigenous Rights and Education, six Indigenous instructional resource teachers and two Indigenous student support co-ordinators.

One-year COVID-19 sup-

port staff hires include 48 elementary teachers, 11 secondary teachers, one administrator for virtual schools, 26 educational assistants, speech pathologist, four child and youth counsellors, two caretakers, in the amount of \$9 million.

The reasons behind the deficit budget include loss of revenue from international student tuition fees and an increase in supply staff.

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