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BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET APPROVAL

The Board of Education of School District 22 (Vernon) has approved the School District's budget for next school year.

During this year's budget consideration process, the Board of Education heard seven presentations from stakeholder groups, a presentation from students, and reviewed written input from individual staff, parents, and Okanagan Indian Band families.

Between 2015 and 2021 the Board of Education has added over one hundred teachers and over fifty education assistants. This growth continues in 2022, with next year's budget allowing for eight new Education Assistant positions, three additional classroom teachers, two more school-based resource teachers, a psychologist, a health and safety manager, and additional custodial and administrative support time.

The Board considered a reduction of \$173,000 in allocations to schools to address an accumulation of unspent funds held at the school level. After listening to feedback, the Board of Education chose not to make that reduction.

"We have many challenging tasks ahead of us. These include operationalizing the strategic plan we are currently developing, implementing the Province's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, and closing the literacy and numeracy gap between Indigenous students, students with special needs, and all students," said Board Chair Gen Acton. "These budget changes help provide the foundation needed to accomplish these tasks."

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