

# SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Wednesday, June 2, 2021*

## 6:00 pm Teams Meeting

### WCDSB Mission Statement

*As disciples of Christ,  
we educate and nurture hope  
in all learners  
to realize their full potential  
to transform God's world.*

**CHAIR: Irene Holdbrook**

### MEMBERS

WCDSB Trustee – **Jeanne Gravelle**  
WCDSB Trustee – **Tracey Weiler**  
Waterloo Regional Down Syndrome Society – **Kim Murphy**  
Waterloo Regional Police - **John Gilbert**  
Autism Ontario – Waterloo Chapter  
CNIB – **Irene Holdbrook, Chair**  
Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region  
Waterloo Region Family Network – **Sue Simpson**  
Members at Large – **Sarah Van Dyke**



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## SEAC Committee Meeting Agenda

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| <b>Date&amp; Time:</b>   | June 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. |
| <b>Location:</b>   | Teams Meeting             |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b>   | September 8, 2021         |
| <b>Committee Members:</b> Kim Murphy, John Gilbert, Tracey Weiler, Jeanne Gravelle, Irene Holdbrook, Sue Simpson, Sarah Van Dyke |                           |
| <b>Administrative Officials:</b> Gerald Foran, Erin Lemak  |                           |

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| <b>1. Opening Prayer</b><br><br>Welcome   | G. Foran |
| <b>2. Approval of Agenda</b><br><br>Motion by:<br>Seconded:   |          |
| <b>3. Declared Pecuniary Interest</b>   |          |
| <b>4. Approval of the May 19<sup>th</sup> Minutes</b><br><br>Motion by:<br>Seconded   |          |
| <b>5. School System Operational Business</b><br><br>5.1. 2021-2022 Student Services PD Information<br>5.2. PAAC on SEAC video presentations |          |
| <b>6. Ministry Updates (10 min)</b>   |          |
| <b>7. SEAC Committee Functions</b>  |          |
| <b>8. Policy Advice to the Board</b>  |          |
| <b>9. Updates<br/>(20 minutes)</b><br><br><b>9.1. Association Updates</b><br><br><b>9.2. Trustee Updates</b>                                |          |

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| <b>10. Pending Items</b>                              |  |
| <b>11. Adjournment</b><br><br>Motion by:<br>Seconded: |  |
| <b>12. Action Items Place Holder</b>                  |  |
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| <b>Next Meeting:</b>   | June 2, 2021              |
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| <b>Administrative Officials:</b> Gerald Foran, Erin Lemak<br><b>Regrets:</b> John Gilbert, Sarah Van Dyke                        |                           |

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| <b>2. Approval of Agenda</b><br><br>Motion by: Tracey Weiler<br>Seconded: Jeanne Gravelle                         |          |
| <b>3. Declared Pecuniary Interest:</b> N/A  |          |
| <b>4. Approval of the April 7<sup>th</sup> Minutes</b><br><br>Motion by: Sue Simpson<br>Seconded: Jeanne Gravelle |          |
| <b>5. School System Operational Business</b><br><br>5.1. Special Education Budget 2021-2022                       | R. King  |



# 2021-2022 Special Education

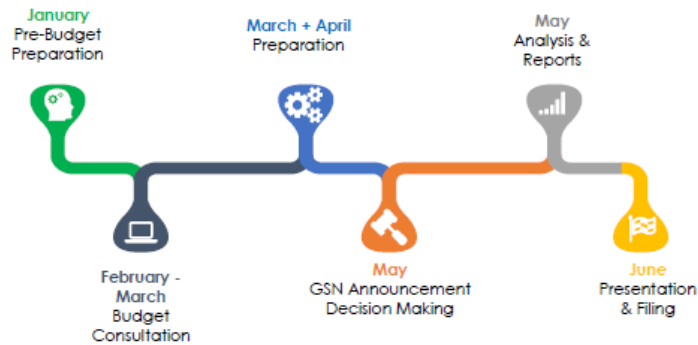
Estimates Budget

May 19, 2021

## Presentation Overview

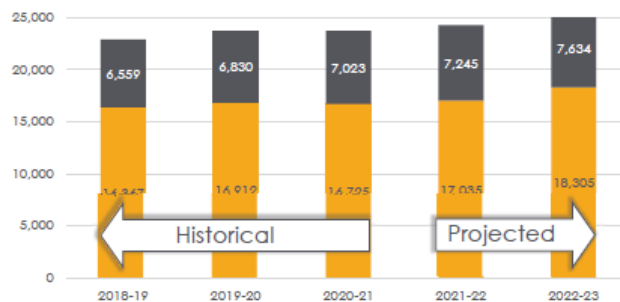
Budget overview  
Grant Announcement  
Special Education funding  
Special Education expenditures  
Questions

## The Budget Process

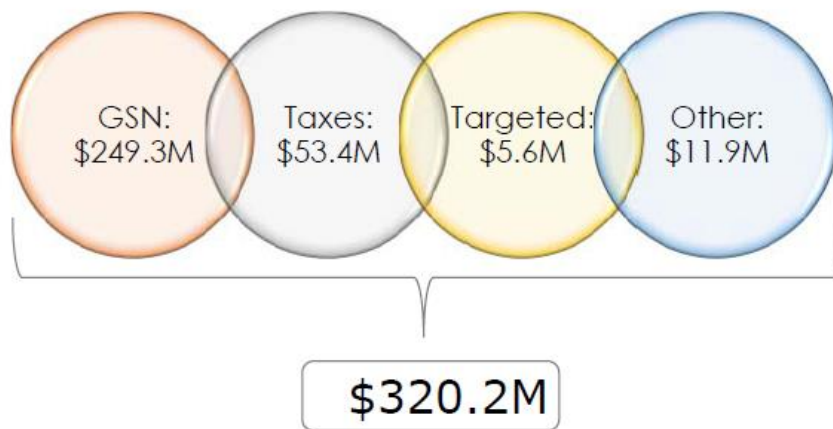


## Enrolment Trends

- Funding is largely based on a board's enrolment
- Some Special Education funding is based on defined needs



## Board Revenues



## Grant Announcement: Special Education Impact to Special Education

### General:

- Total GSN funding for all boards = \$25.6B
- Per pupil funding increase of \$152
- New key investments:
  - Continued support for Covid-19 response
  - Technology resources, Mental Health Supports and Recent Immigrant Supplement
  - Compensation
  - Transfers to GSN
    - After School Skills Development (ASSD)

## Grant Announcement: Special Education

Impact to Special Education

### GSN

- Continued funding for Supports for Students Fund (SSF)
- Increased funding for Differentiated Special Education Needs (DSENA) table amount

### Priorities and Partnership Fund (PPF)

- COVID supports for Special Education, Mental Health and Re-engaging & Reading Supports
- Continued funds for:
  - Educators Autism Additional Qualifications Subsidy
  - Mental Health Professional Learning
- Discontinued Supporting Students with Severe Learning Disabilities

## Grant Announcement: Special Education

Impact to Special Education: PPF Summary

|   | 2021-2022 (M) | 2020-2021 (M) |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| School Re-opening: Special Education (COVID) 21-22    | 0.1059        | -             |
| School Re-Opening: Mental Health (COVID) 21-22        | 0.1674        | -             |
| Re-engaging & Reading Supports (COVID) 21-22          | 0.2487        | -             |
| Well-Being and Mental Health                          | 0.0311        | 0.0311        |
| Educators Autism AQ                                   | 0.0108        | 0.0108        |
| Supporting Students with Severe Learning Disabilities | -             | 0.2150        |



## Staffing Highlights: GSN

- Educational Assistants increased by 3.0 FTE
- Lutherwood contract increased by 4.0 FTE
- Itinerant teachers increased by 2.0 FTE
- Child and Youth Care Workers – staffing levels remain at current levels
- Staffing levels related to Supporting Students Fund (SSF) remain unchanged
- Staffing levels related to PPFs remain unchanged

## Staffing Highlights: GSN

### 2020-2021 Estimates

#### Multidisciplinary Team

- 1.0 EA Supervisor
- 4.2 Behaviour Analyst
- 1.0 Psychoeducational Consultants
- 0.3 CDA
- 0.2 Social Worker

#### Mental Health Workers in Schools

- 2.3 Social Workers

#### After School Skills Development Program

- 1.0 Behavior Analyst

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#### Multidisciplinary Team

- 1.0 EA Supervisor
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#### Mental Health Workers in Schools

- 2.5 Social Workers
- 1.5 Child and Youth Care Workers
- 0.2 Junior Researcher

#### After School Skills Development Program

- 0.7 Behavior Analyst

## Staffing Highlights: PPF

### 2020-2021 Estimates

#### Supporting Students w/Severe LD

- 1.0 Itinerant Teacher
- 0.7 CDA

### 2021-2022 Estimates

#### School Re-Opening: Special Education

- 2.0 Educational Assistants

#### School Re-Opening: Mental Health

- 1.2 Social Workers
- 0.5 Child and Youth Care Worker
- 0.3 Behaviour Analyst

#### Re-engaging & Reading Supports

- 1.0 Itinerant Teacher

## Special Education Summary

|              | 2019-2020<br>Estimates | 2020-2021<br>Estimates | 2021-2022<br>Estimates |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue      | \$34.5 M               | \$36.7 M               | \$38.3 M               |
| Expenditures | 34.8 M                 | 37.1 M                 | 39.2 M                 |
| Shortfall    | \$ 0.3M                | \$ 0.4 M               | \$ 0.9 M               |

## Special Education Funding

| Funding Allocations   | 2019-2020<br>\$M | 2020-2021<br>\$M | 2021-2022<br>\$M |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Special Education Per Pupil Amount                              | \$18.8           | \$20.4           | \$20.6           |
| Special Education Equipment                                     | 1.1              | 1.1              | 1.1              |
| Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (Incl. SIP & MDT) | 12.5             | 13.2             | 13.7             |
| Section 23 Facilities   | 0.9              | 0.5              | 0.8              |
| Behavioural Expertise   | 0.4              | 0.4              | 0.5              |
| Congregated Classroom Allocation                                | 0.6              | 0.8              | 0.8              |
| Mental Health and Well-Being                                    | -                | -                | 0.4              |
| Priorities and Partnerships Fund                                | 0.2              | 0.3              | 0.4              |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$34.5</b>    | <b>\$36.7</b>    | <b>\$38.3</b>    |

## Student Services Expenditures

|                      | 2019-2020<br>\$M | 2020-2021<br>\$M | 2021-2022<br>\$M |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Staffing costs       | \$33.6           | \$35.9           | \$38.2           |
| Department costs     | 1.2              | 1.2              | 1.0              |
| <b>Total costs</b>   | <b>\$34.8</b>    | <b>\$37.1</b>    | <b>\$39.2</b>    |
| % staffing vs. total | 97%              | 97%              | 97%              |

### Q&A

#### ***Motion to accept 2021-2022 Special Education Budget Estimates as presented to SEAC Committee***

Motion: Karen Kovats  
Seconded: Tracey Weiler

#### ***Motion passed***

#### **6. Ministry Updates (10 min)**

##### 6.1. RCCDSB letter to the Minister of Education

- Writing to support Bill 172, and all boards to develop policies and guidelines in regard to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- Several of WCDSB staff have been trained on FASD through Carizon

G. Foran

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps in our region – in planning stages with the new funding that has been received in the region.</li> </ul>   |                 |
| <p><b>7. SEAC Committee Functions</b></p> <p>7.1. Topics 2021-2022</p> <p>Accepted topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September – Accessibility (contact facilities)</li> <li>• October - Michael Jacques presentation</li> <li>• December –</li> <li>• January -</li> <li>• February -</li> <li>• March</li> <li>• April - Job Path and Co-op Experience</li> <li>• May – Budget</li> <li>• June - Social</li> </ul> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Staff Census – SEAC lens in Census topics of interest</li> <li>➤ Competitions for younger special education students – Special Olympics for youth</li> <li>➤ Special Education Visioning Committee</li> <li>➤ Covid impacts on students with special needs and how are we mitigating struggles that they might be having</li> <li>➤ Assistive technology</li> <li>➤ PAAC on SEAC videos – short videos as addition to the main topic</li> <li>➤ Thought Exchange results– results of interest to special education</li> </ul> <p>7.2. Update – Invitations to the Community organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All organizations contacted</li> <li>• Recommendation to send 2 follow ups to all organizations</li> </ul> | <p>G. Foran</p> |
| <p><b>8. Policy Advice to the Board</b><br/>N/A</p>  |                 |



## 9. Updates (20 minutes)

### 9.1. Association Updates

- **WRFN** - MOVING ON UP! A PARENT & STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING  
Transition to High School for Students with Individual Education Plans  
May 25, 2021 @ 7-8:30pm via Zoom - to register, please email [info@wrfn.info](mailto:info@wrfn.info)



- **WWDSS**
  - Evening speakers series (online) WWDSS evening speaker series presents:  
**AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES**  
*Presenter: Kellie Bell, Literacy Liaison for the Augmentative Communication Services Clinic, KidsAbility*  
*DATE: Thursday, June 3rd, 2021*  
*TIME: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm*  
*WHERE: ZOOM (A zoom link and password will be sent to those who register)*  
*COST: Members \$5 each, Non-Members \$15 each*  
*Register by Tuesday, June 1st*

### 9.2. Trustee Updates

- [Board of Trustees Meeting – April 26, 2021](#)

## 10. Pending Items

N/A

## 11. Adjournment

Motion by: Jeanne Gravelle  
Seconded: Kim Murphy

## 12. Action Items Place Holder

