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2026-27 Public Budget Consultation Update

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Budgeting and Community Engagement

- **The core challenge of budgeting for a school board is using the available funds to maximize student achievement and well-being.**
- **Community engagement is a vital component of the annual budget preparation process.**
- **The engagement offers students, staff, parents, and the broader school community an opportunity to contribute their perspective on investment priorities.**



Community Engagement Processes

June 2025 – Appointment of Board Supervisor

November 2025 – Appointment of a new Director of Education

Formal and informal engagement processes:

- **Special Education Advisory Committee**
- **Parent Involvement Committee**
- **Input from School Council Chairs**
- **Emails from and meetings with parents and staff**
- **Engagement survey – engage.ocdsb.ca**



Survey Questions

- 1. In your opinion, where do you think the District can save money while still supporting student learning and well-being?**
- 2. What are some things you think the District can do differently to make the biggest impact with the available budget?**
- 3. What areas do you think the District should invest more resources to better support students, staff, and/or schools?**



Common Themes

- 1. A strong theme related to provincial funding.**
- 2. Reducing administrative costs is important.**
- 3. Improving classroom support, particularly by having educational assistants.**
- 4. Improving school facilities, more funding for supplies and equipment, and smaller class sizes.**
- 5. Having a more strategic approach to technology that directly supports student learning and staff productivity.**



Conclusion

These preliminary results provide insights about the recurring perspectives shared from participants to date.

There were 139 responses as of April 18.

The survey will continue to be available until May 15 on the engage.ocdsb.ca site.

A follow-up report to be presented at a future meeting.