

2023-2024 Community Consultation

We are asking for your input on the 2023-2024 budget & programming.

Our annual budget process is designed to support our Education Plan and the effective operation and governance of our school division.

The Provincial Government has eliminated the Board's ability to levy tax revenue, which has consequently put some of our local programming at risk.

On the following 'page,' you will find examples of some of the programs and services offered by Evergreen School Division, thanks to a history of local decision-making and local tax revenue. As funding cuts continue, we will not have the means to continue to offer our usual slate of programming.

Please indicate your level of agreement for continuing the programming in each area. Your feedback will help with the School Board's approach and decision-making in the budget process.

Your Name (optional)

1. Are you a.....?

- ☐ Parent
- ☒ Community Member
- ☐ Staff Member
- ☐ Student

2. In which school catchment area do you live....?

- ☐ Arborg
- ☐ Riverton
- ☒ Gimli
- ☐ Winnipeg Beach

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Current Programming which is 'Brought to you by Evergreen'...

Please indicate your level of agreement for continuing the programming in each area below (4=Strongly Agree; 1=Strongly Disagree).

Each example below is a specific strategy the division has put in place, supported by local decision-making.

The "estimated cost" figure identified in each case is an estimate of the allocation provided by Evergreen to either fully fund a strategy that is not supported by provincial funding, or to add to the amount of funding provided.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree that Evergreen should continue to support:

Junior Kindergarten: \$80,000 estimated cost - There is no direct provincial funding support or requirement for any preschool programming. At the time this survey was published, we have 76 children attending Junior Kindergarten.

☒ 4 (Strongly Agree) ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree that Evergreen should continue to support:

Additional Kindergarten 3 days/week: \$63,000 estimated cost to fund to 3 days/week - Province provides funding for only half-time Kindergarten.

☒ 4 (Strongly Agree) ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree that Evergreen should continue to support:

Universal band (core programming middle years): \$32,000 - instruments provided by division without charge.

☒ 4 (Strongly Agree) ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree that Evergreen should continue to support:

Small high school support for shared band programming: \$47,000

☒ 4 (Strongly Agree) ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree that Evergreen should continue to support:

School fee subsidy K-12: \$65,000 - The School Division subsidizes the cost of supplies & activities to reduce repeated asks of families for fees

☒ 4 (Strongly Agree) ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Please indicate the extent to which you agree that Evergreen should continue to support:

Extra-curricular & field trips: \$109,000 - The School Division funds transportation for sports & field trips.

☒ 4 (Strongly Agree) ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 (Strongly Disagree)

Please rank, in order of your sense of the importance, these programs. 1 is the highest ranking, 6 is the lowest ranking.

⋮	1	Junior Kindergarten
⋮	2	Increased Kindergarten to 3 days/week
⋮	3	Universal Band
⋮	4	Small high school support for shared band programming
⋮	5	Subsidized school fees
⋮	6	Extra-curricular and field trips

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Additional programming considerations for your input...

Declining funding from the province and declining student enrollment continue to create challenges for us. This is especially true when it comes to offering the same breadth of specialty programming (curricular and extra-curricular) at the high school level. Please share your feedback on these potential strategies, which are commonplace in other rural (and urban) communities:

To what extent would you approve of the introduction of virtual / online delivery of some high school courses (delivered from one school to another) with scheduled on-site support?

- ☐ Strongly approve
- ☐ Approve
- ☐ Disapprove
- ☒ Strongly disapprove

In order to maintain student-teacher ratios in early years classrooms, to what extent would you approve of the elimination of some low-enrolment (fewer than 15 students) specialty course options at high school?

- ☐ Strongly approve
- ☐ Approve
- ☐ Disapprove
- ☒ Strongly disapprove

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Changes to Education Funding - Projected Funding Cuts

In order to insulate programming through an extended period of annual funding cuts, the board has made significant budget decisions in the reduction in the number of trustees and senior administrators. This constitutes an estimated reduction in spending on divisional administration of over \$500,000 over the next 3 years.

Please share any ideas you have about repurposing funds in support of our educational programming. What types of programming would you prefer to see more of? What types of programming would you prefer to see less of?

Please rank the following options for public engagement. How would you prefer to engage in providing input and feedback to the division? 1 is the highest ranking, 6 is the lowest ranking.

	<input type="text"/>	In-person events / presentation
	<input type="text"/>	Information in local newspaper
	<input type="text"/>	Online surveys
	<input type="text"/>	Virtual events / presentation
	<input type="text"/>	Letters home from school
	<input type="text"/>	Email communication / links to website

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