

2019/2020 to 2020/2021

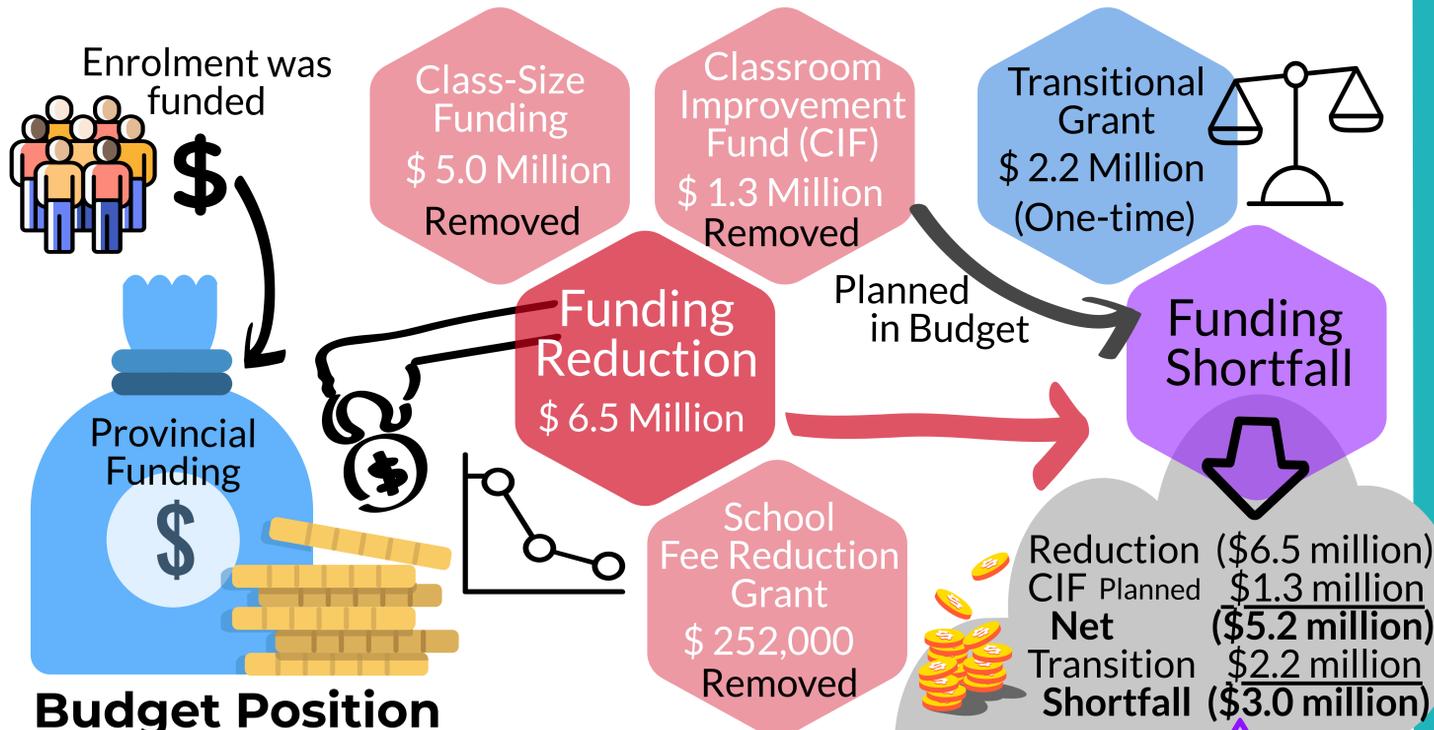
Provincial Funding Review

There have been some **significant changes** to the Division's funding over prior year. This includes the significant changes that occurred in the 2019 Provincial Budget and the new Funding Framework provided for the 2020/2021 school year.

To understand the Provincial Funding, the changes in both years have to be reviewed.

2019/2020

2019 Provincial Budget was announced on October 24th, 2019. This budget had some unexpected changes to funding allocations:



Revenues	2019-2020 Operating Budget	2019-2020 Preliminary Budget	Variance from 19-20 Operating Budget	Change %
Total Revenue	\$133,996,454	\$132,619,029	\$1,377,425	1.04%
Base Funding	\$76,266,804	\$79,343,727	(\$3,076,923)	-3.88%
Differential Cost Funding	\$11,354,665	\$11,483,705	(\$129,040)	-1.12%
Projects/Contracts	\$6,085,617	\$6,035,407	\$50,210	0.83%
Federal Government Funding	\$388,944	\$248,128	\$140,816	56.75%
Other Provincial Revenue	\$922,533	\$1,327,533	(\$405,000)	-30.51%
Teacher Pension Costs	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$0	0.00%
Transportation	\$2,631,000	\$2,468,500	\$162,500	6.58%
Plant Operations and Maintenance	\$8,711,000	\$8,725,187	(\$14,187)	-0.16%
Other Revenues	\$8,147,887	\$8,122,222	\$25,665	0.32%
Capital and Debt Services	\$8,433,276	\$7,633,022	\$800,254	10.48%
Prior Years Reserves (one-time funds)	\$4,554,728	\$731,598	\$3,823,130	522.57%

Response to the Challenge

The \$3.0 million shortfall was funded by one-time reserves and other savings to minimize disruption to classrooms, programs, and services.

Resulting Effects to 2019-2020

NEW Funding Framework 2020/2021

2020 Provincial Budget 2020 included a significant change to the funding framework model for education.

The model is a "3-year funding commitment to Education" to allow for predictability and sustainability.

The old funding framework grants (36 grants) has now been **modified to the new framework** (15 grants); whereas, these new grants are not easily (or at all) comparable to the prior framework.

"Apples to Oranges"

Weighted Moving Averages

One of the most significant changes in the new Provincial Funding Framework is the use of Weighted Moving Averages (WMA) to determine funding allocations. Although WMA assist with a predictable funding model (removes significant fluctuations from year-to-year), it has its disadvantages to growing Districts:



As shown in the example, although there are 12,000 students there is only funding for 11,300

2018/19	10,000 FTE @ 20% =	2,000 FTE
2019/20	11,000 FTE @ 30% =	3,300 FTE
2020/21	12,000 FTE @ 50% =	6,000 FTE
WMA		11,300 FTE Funding

- Base Instruction
- Services & Supports
- School / Facilities
- Community
- Jurisdiction

Other Funding Framework Changes:

Separating Jurisdictional Funding
(Administration)

PUF Funding

Only available for Pre-K, no longer for Kindergarten students

Bridge/Transitional Funding

Provincial Funding for new Framework

RCSD Funding

RCSD funding eliminated including supports received

POM Funding

Includes utilization of facility space in funding allocations.

Resulting Effects to 2020-2021

Revenues and Allocations	2020-2021 Preliminary Budget	2019-2020 Operating Budget	Variance from 20-21 Prelim Budget	Change %
Alberta Education - Base Instruction	\$71,200,508	\$76,796,136	(\$5,595,628)	-7.29%
Alberta Education - Services and Supports	\$15,740,533	\$15,278,732	\$461,801	3.02%
Alberta Education - Schools/Facilities	\$16,741,922	\$14,956,000	\$1,785,922	11.94%
Alberta Education - Community	\$3,687,410	\$1,425,527	\$2,261,883	158.67%
Alberta Education - Jurisdiction	\$4,092,507	\$0	\$4,092,507	100.00%
Projects/Contracts	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$0	0.00%
Other Provincial Revenue	\$470,711	\$788,725	(\$318,014)	-40.32%
Teacher Pension Costs	\$6,500,000	\$6,500,000	\$0	0.00%
Federal Government Funding	\$388,944	\$388,944	\$0	0.00%
Other Revenues	\$7,751,476	\$8,147,886	(\$396,410)	-4.87%
Capital and Debt Services	\$5,097,276	\$5,097,276	\$0	0.00%
Total Operating Revenue	\$131,733,787	\$129,441,726	\$2,292,061	1.77%
Prior Years Reserves (one-time funds)	\$2,717,468	\$4,554,728	(\$1,837,260)	-40.34%
Total Revenue and Allocations	\$134,451,255	\$133,996,454	\$454,801	0.34%

> Majority of increase is for Plant Operation & Maintenance (POM) (\$1.79 million of the \$2.29 million increase in operating revenue)

> Jurisdictional component broken out from other Provincial funding

> Prior year had large one-time reserves used to minimize effects on classrooms (as 2019 Provincial Budget was released mid-school year)

> The changes in the Program Unit Funding (PUF) and the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) program had significant effects on instructional programs with the funding and supports received.