

Fair Funding for Students



Underfunding + increased costs = Cuts in the classroom



The HDSB provides education for 67,000 students in 111 schools and learning centres across Halton. We have budgeted for a **\$7.7 million deficit** in the current year and are required by regulation to eliminate this deficit next school year (2024-2025). **A reduction of this scale will involve cuts that affect classrooms.**

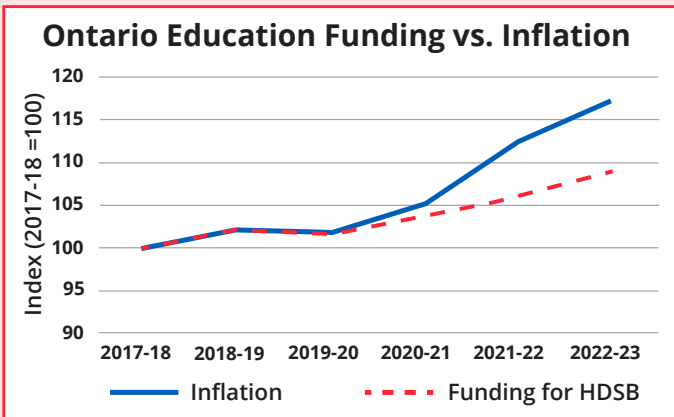


Funding

Over the last few years, funding for the HDSB has not kept pace with costs. We have experienced similar challenges as other Ontario school boards:



- 10-30% increased costs of contracted goods and services (non-staff costs)
- \$7M in increased costs for mandated enhancements to CPP/EI, which are not funded



Changes to how education is funded have affected the HDSB directly:



- \$20M less for special education
- \$2.6M less for school operations
- \$2M less for student transportation
- \$299 less funding per student than similar boards (\$1,272 less than provincial average)

How School Boards are Funded

The HDSB receives the majority of its funding from the province through Grants for Student Needs (GSN). Most of this funding is restricted by mandated class sizes and staffing ratios, while other areas are designated by the Ministry to fund specific areas.

Budget Pressures

We are reviewing all areas of the budget. However, there are areas where the HDSB has historically spent more than the amount allocated by the Ministry. These areas include:



Special education



Student mental health and well-being



Central staff (supporting students and staff in instruction, equity and inclusion, safe schools)



Supply staffing costs (teachers and educational assistants)



Student transportation (eligibility parameters and optional programs)

What Can You Do?

Contact your local MPP using one of the template letters on our website.

Share this information with other HDSB families and your School Council.

Learn more about the HDSB's funding.



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