

Swan Valley School Division

Public Budget Consultation Meeting

March 5, 2026

7:00 PM

Swan Valley School Division

Board Chair Gary Wowchuk

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks



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TO THE DESTINATION WE SEEK. THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS.
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- THE HONORABLE MURRAY SINCLAIR

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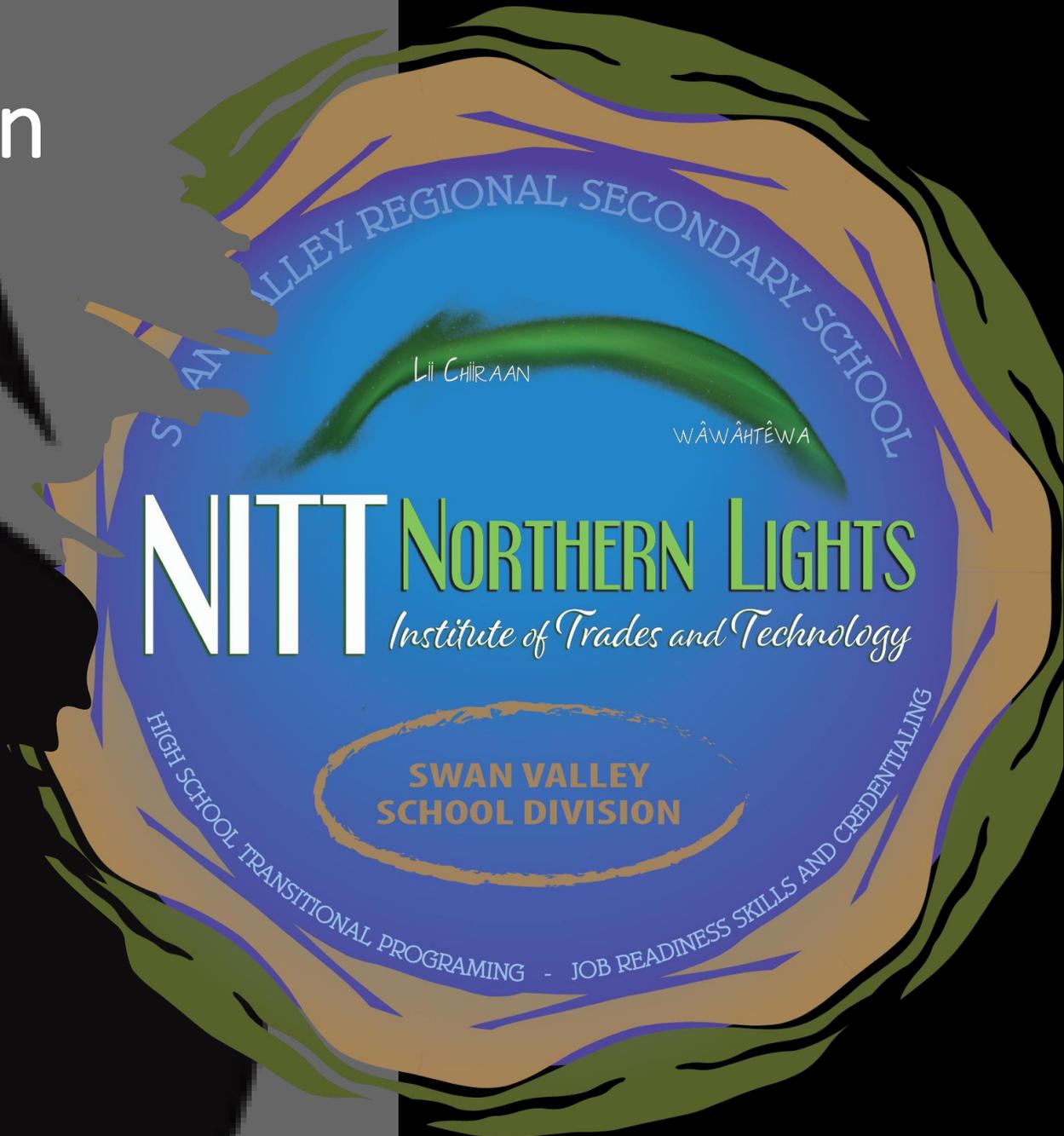
The Division is dedicated to enhancing **literacy, numeracy, and wellness** practices to improve our teachers' pedagogy within data-driven professional learning communities.



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The Northern Lights Institute of Trades & Technology and its S.V.R.S.S. feeder programs are dedicated to sensing and responding to the valley's labor market needs.

Next year this program is on its own as this is the last year of the Teacher Idea Fund.



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Recruitment and Retention of Teachers

- 1) Two early retirements submitted.*
- 2) 17 positions posted for 2026/2027 school year.*
- 3) 14 positions filled to date, 4 new to SVSD.*
- 4) Next round may see up to 9 more postings go up.*

Bill 16 & Swan Valley School Division Elections 2026

What Bill 16 Does



Allows First Nations reserve residents to **VOTE** in school board elections



Enables eligible reserve residents to **RUN** for school trustee



OCT 28 2026 Effective



Requires Review of Wards & By-Laws

SVSD: October 2026 Changes



Reserve Residents Can Vote for SVSD Trustees



Reserve Residents May Run as Trustee Candidates



Ward Boundaries Will Be Reviewed



Coordinate Voter & Nomination Processes

Why This Matters (TRC)



'A Vital Act of Reconciliation'



Supports Education & Reconciliation



Advances Calls to Action 62-65

Student Demographics and Enrolment Trends

Disaggregation	Number of Students					Percentage of Student Population				
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Total student enrolment	1441	1445	1444							
Students receiving English as an Additional Language (EAL) services	17	34	39.5			1%	2%	3%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Self-declared Indigenous students	636	635	654			44%	44%	45%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Newcomer and/ or refugee students	7	4	12			0%	0%	1%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Children in care of Child and Family Services (CFS)	124	125	115			9%	9%	8%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Students receiving Tier 3 supports (EBD3, Therapeutic School Initiative, SSP)	200	570	641			14%	39%	44%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Program	Number of Students					Percentage of Student Population				
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
English Program	1371	1372	1381			95%	95%	96%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
French Immersion	70	73	63			5%	5%	4%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Senior Years Technology Education Program (Credits)	1365	1371	1269							

Kindergarten Trends 2018-2026

	Actual Sept. 2018	Actual Sept. 2019	Actual Sept. 2020	Actual Sept. 2021	Actual Sept. 2022	Actual Sept. 2023	Actual Sept. 2024	Actual Sept. 2025	Projected 2026
Benito School	8	10	9	5	7	12	7	8	5
Bowsman School	12	5	6	12	11	8	7	13	16
Ecole Swan River South	13	9	11	6	15	7	5	11	7
Heyes Elementary School	20	23	19	20	22	23	0	0	0
Minitonas School	10	14	11	14	14	13	10	16	13
Taylor School	48	28	28	24	31	51	54	65	62
Total	111	89	84	81	100	114	83	113	103

Projected 2026/2027 Enrollment

School	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Benito School	5	9	7	9	5	7	11	11	7					71
Bowsman School	16	13	8	10	10	17	10	12	14					110
Ecole Swan River South	7	11	3	7	11	5	66	58	69					237
Heyes Elementary School				79	71	59								209
Minitonas School	13	16	10	14	13	10	7	12	9					104
Swan Valley Regional Secondary School										125	120	115	130	490
Taylor School	62	65	57											184
Totals	103	114	85	109	110	98	94	93	99	125	120	115	130	1405

Proposed Educational Assistant Staff



School	25/26 Hours	26/27 Proposed Hours
Benito	26	36
Bowsman	42.5	51
ESRSS	47.95	63
Heyes	90	102
Minitonas	57.5	66
SVRSS	80	89
Taylor	97	97
Totals	440.95	504

Goals:

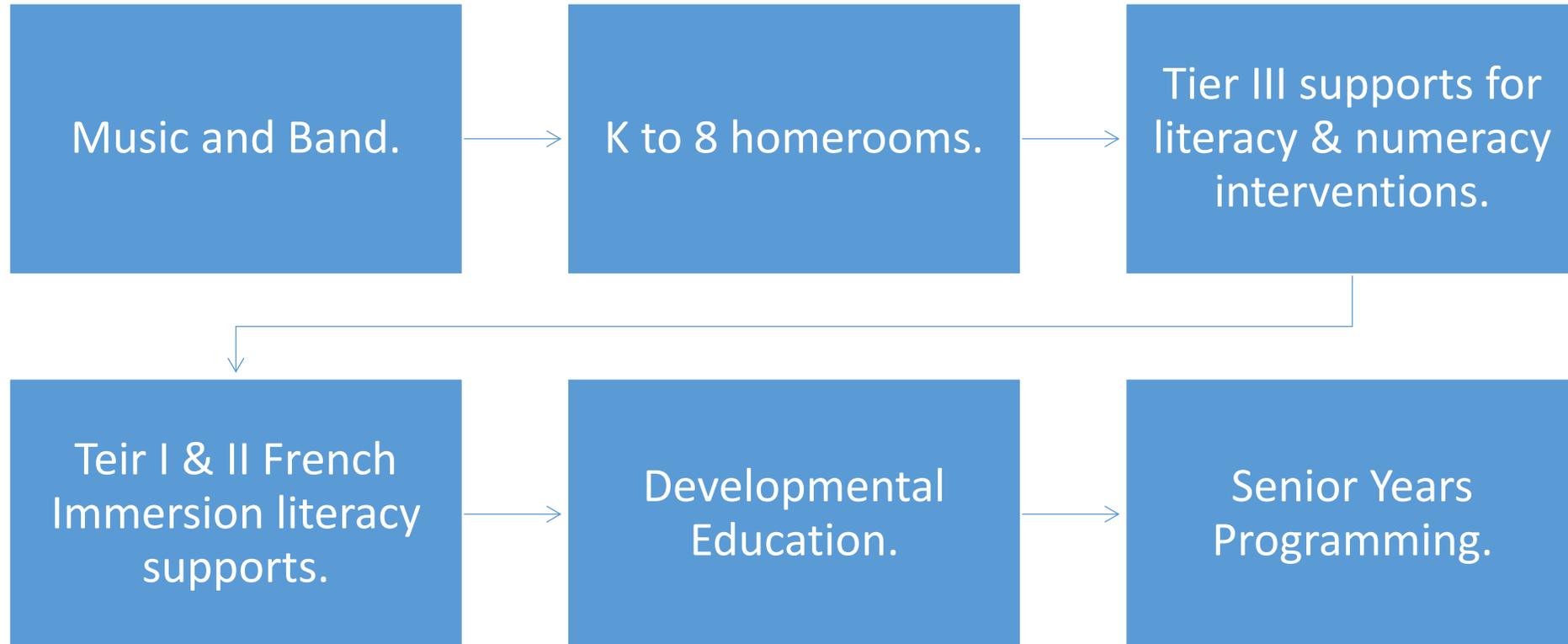
- Increase in class supports.
- Increase in Co-Regulation Programming in each school.
- Expand Developmental Education staffing.

Proposed Teacher Staffing



School	2025/2026 Full Time Equivalents	2026/2027 Full Time Equivalents
Benito School	5.5	6.0
Bowsman School	7.0	8.5
Ecole Swan River South School	18.55	20.75
Heyes School	13.5	14.5
Mintonas School	8.0	8.25
Swan Valley Regional Secondary School	36.25	37.25
Taylor School	14.5	15.5
Division Office	6.1	6.3
Totals	109.40	117.05

Exploration of FTE Increases in Response to the Strategic Plan and Programming Consultations

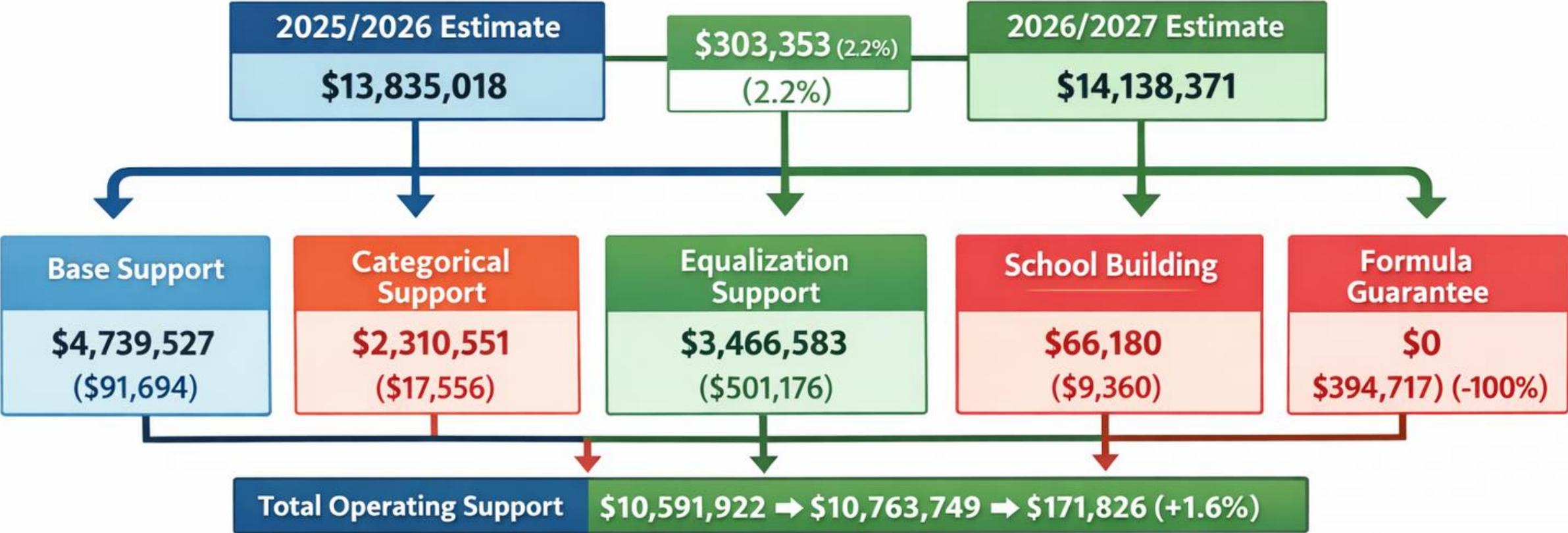


Revenue	WIP - 26/27	25/26 Budget	
Provincial Government	19,385,072	19,044,797	340,275
Federal Government	0	0	0
Municipal Government - Property Tax	6,270,980	5,713,741	557,239
- Other	0	0	0
Other School Division	4,000	4,000	0
First Nations	329,251	479,264	(150,013)
Private Organizations and Individuals	266,080	208,580	57,500
Other Sources	281,898	110,209	171,689
Total Operating Revenue	26,537,281	25,560,591	976,690
Expenses			
Regular Instruction (Draft Budget Combined)	21,111,861	19,042,367	2,069,494
Student Support Services	0	0	0
Adult Learning Centres	0	0	0
Community Education and Services	0	0	0
Divisional Administration	1,117,787	911,986	205,801
Instructional and Other Support Services	0	686,607	-686,607
Transportation of Pupils	2,235,062	2,195,737	39,325
Operations and Maintenance	3,204,710	2,982,202	222,508
Fiscal	458,000	444,000	14,000
Total Operating Expenditures	28,127,420	26,262,899	1,864,521
Current Year Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(1,590,139)	(702,308)	(887,831)
Net Transfers from (to) Capital Fund	(1,000)	(1,000)	0
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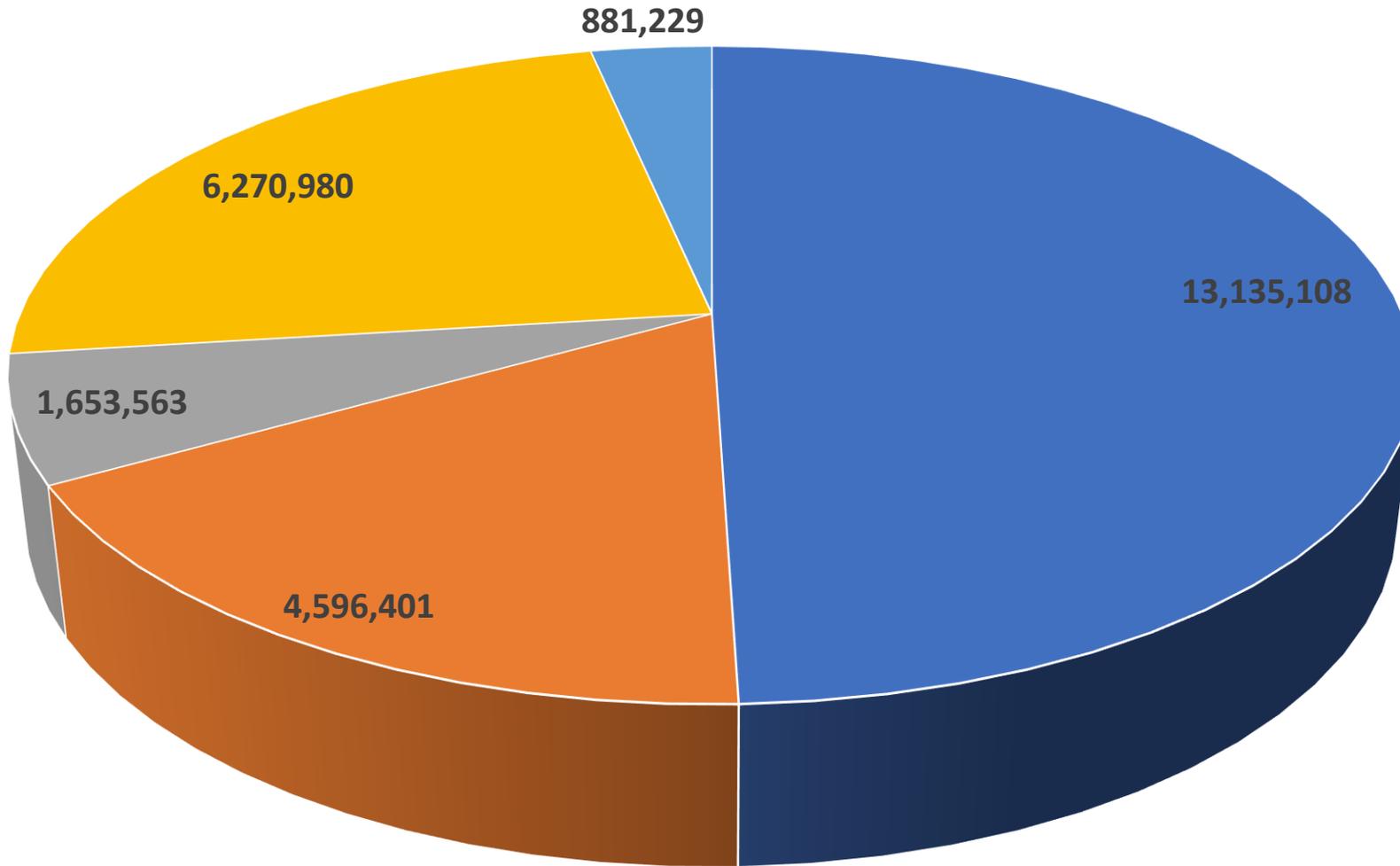
CHANGE IN SUPPORT FROM 2025/2026 ESTIMATE TO 2026/2027 ESTIMATE

	DSF2025-26E2 2025/2026 ESTIMATE	DSF2026-27E2 2026/2027 ESTIMATE	Difference Amount	%
	Adjusted	Adjusted		
Base Support	\$4,739,527	\$4,831,221	\$91,694	1.9%
Categorical Support	2,328,511	2,310,955	(17,556)	(0.8%)
Equalization Support	2,965,087	3,466,853	501,766	16.9%
School Building (D-Grant) Support	66,180	56,820	(9,360)	(14.1%)
Formula Guarantee	394,717	0	(394,717)	(100.0%)
			0	0.0%
Technology Enhancement Equipment Replacement	97,900	97,900	0	0.0%
Total Operating Support	\$10,591,922	\$10,763,749	\$171,827	1.6%
Tax Incentive Grant (TIG)/ TIG Guarantee (TIGG)/ Property Tax Offset Grant	\$1,653,563	\$1,653,563	\$0	0.0%
Total Operating including TIG & TIGG	\$12,245,485	\$12,417,312	\$171,827	1.4%
Additional Special Needs	\$129,570	\$129,570	\$0	0.0%
Wage & Enrolment Growth Redistribution	\$736,964	\$736,964	\$0	0.0%
Student Engagement and Presence	\$302,000	\$302,000	\$0	0.0%
Additional Operating Support**	\$249,000	\$249,000	\$0	0.0%
Nutrition Funding	\$172,000	\$172,000	\$0	0.0%
Harmonization Grant	\$0	\$131,526		
Total including Additional Funding	\$13,835,018	\$14,138,371	\$303,353	2.2%

Change in Support from 2025/2026 Estimate to 2026/2027 Estimate

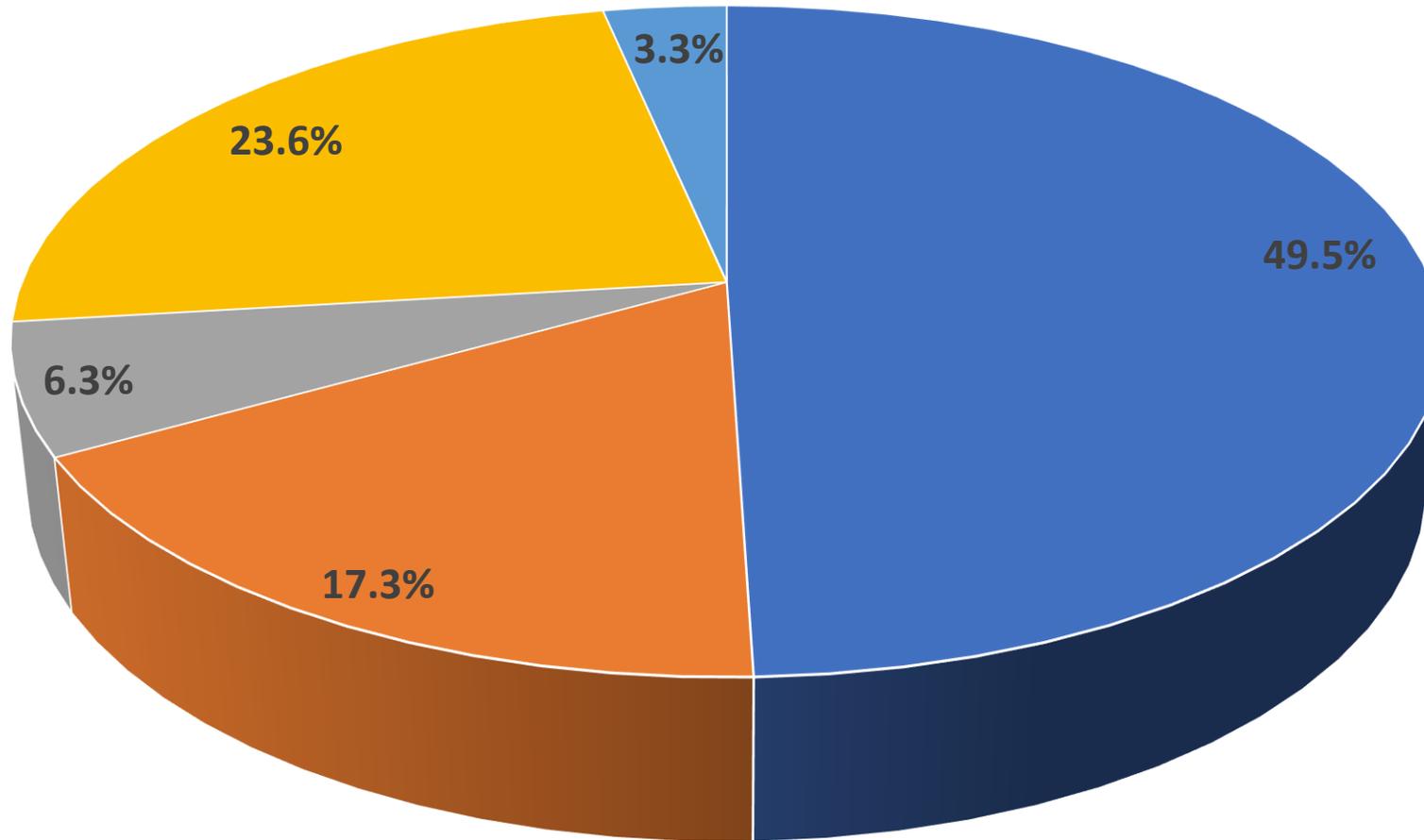


26/27 Sources of Revenue



- Provincial Revenue
- Provincial Tax Credits
- Provincial Tax Grant
- Municipal Revenue
- Other Revenue

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SVSD Levy – Tax Credits Available

Potential Tax Credits that MAY Apply

Residential	(\$1,600)	Reduces property taxes up to \$1,600
Farmland	(50%)	50% reduction in gross school taxes.
Commercial	(None)	None anticipated at this time.

Property Taxation

Swan Valley		Swan Valley		Swan Valley
Budget		Budget		Budget
2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027
	55%	45%	55%	45%
	Swan Valley	Swan Valley		
Levy Year	2025		2026	

SVSD Historical Special Levy Rates			
Year	Levy Amt.		Var.
2026	10,447,379		
	9.7994%		932,410
2025	9,514,969		
	11.3381%		968,959
2024	8,546,010		
	6.2716%		504,345
2023	8,041,665		
			0
2022	8,041,665		
			1
2021	8,041,664		
			(1)
2020	8,041,665		
			99,431
2019	7,942,234		
			120,532
2018	7,821,702		
			300,463
2017	7,521,239		
			392,102
2016	7,129,137		

Historical Mill Rates

		Change	
2026	13.941		9.230%
		1.178	
2025	12.763		4.898%
		0.596	
2024	12.167		4.286%
		0.500	
2023	11.667		(8.494)%
		(1.083)	
2022	12.750		(0.336)%
		(0.043)	
2021	12.793		(0.637)%
		(0.082)	
2020	12.875		(6.845)%
		(0.946)	
2019	13.821		0.832%
		0.114	
2018	13.707		(2.372)%
		(0.333)	
2017	14.040		

Special Requirement is the amount required to be raised from Municipalities during the Division's fiscal year. Collected over two calendar years.

Budget Year	Special Requirement	Increase	Percentage Change
2026/27	12,520,944	763,640	6.50%
2025/26	11,757,304	1,070,495	10.02%
2024/25	10,686,809	885,884	9.04%
2023/24	9,800,925	192,175	2.00%
2022/23	9,608,750	188,407	2.00%
2021/22	9,420,343	184,713	2.00%
2020/21	9,235,630	181,090	2.28%

Special Levy is the amount that the local Municipalities will be asked to raise by property taxes during the calendar year.

Calendar Year	SVSD Special Levy	Increase	Percentage Change
2026	10,447,379	932,410	9.80%
2025	9,514,969	968,959	11.34%
2024	8,546,010	504,345	6.27%
2023	8,041,665	0	0.00%
2022	8,041,665	1	0.00%
2021	8,041,664	(1)	0.00%
2020	8,041,665	99,431	1.25%

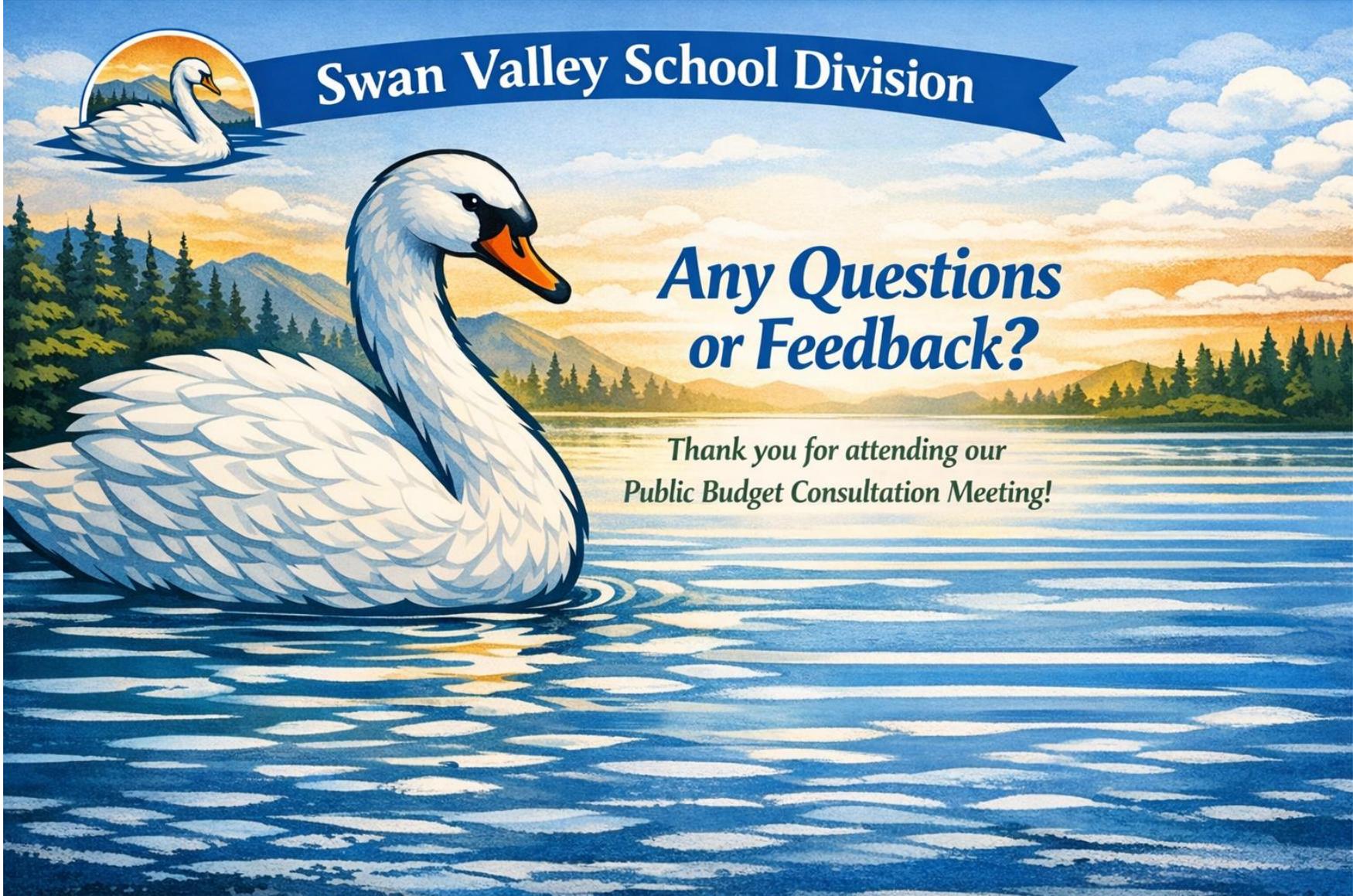
Timelines



SVSD Special Levy

Notify Municipal Governments by March 15, 2026.

Budget Submission by March 31, 2026.



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***Any Questions
or Feedback?***

*Thank you for attending our
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