



## Swan Valley School Division

**Topic:** Executive Summary – January 28, 2019 Board Meeting  
**Date:** January 29, 2019  
**From:** Tim Mendel, Superintendent/CEO

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1. Brad Klekta has been appointed Acting Transportation Supervisor.
2. The CEO reported that the information night by UCN about offering a two year Bachelor of Education after Degree Program went well. They had about 8 or 9 interested candidates. The program will also be made available to candidates in The Pas, Flin Flon and Dauphin. The classes can connect via the French Consortium IITV or Zoom. A total of 15 participants are needed in order for the program to proceed. Contact Ann Barbour-Stevenson at T 204.627.8802 Ext 4; F 204.623.4831; [abarbourstevenson@ucn.ca](mailto:abarbourstevenson@ucn.ca).
3. Feedback from the budget survey by staff was shared with Trustees. Schools generally feel like they are well resourced and maintained. The area of need that was identified was additional counselling, Lit/Numeracy and resource support.
4. The funding announcement will once again be challenging to SVSD. The Provincial Funding for SVSD will be down by \$245,000. This marks the third consecutive Provincial funding reduction for SVSD.

The Province has also capped the local levy increase to 2%. This does not allow the Division to have the local taxpayer make up the difference caused by the Provincial reduction. The 2% increase generates about \$170,000.

Salary increases have been frozen at 0% but the Division will still incur significant cost increases in salaries because of increments. These increment increases across all employee groups are between \$150,000 - \$200,000. In addition, the carbon tax will also add to our costs.

At this point in our budgeting process, which is early, we are looking for \$300,000 - \$400,000. This assumes no additions to our current budget.

5. The Review of the K-12 Education System has started. The commissioners have been named. Please make sure your voice is heard by participating in the process. More information can be found at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/). Written submissions will be accepted until May 30, 2019.
6. SVSD Reps will attend Teacher Recruitment Fairs at the University of Brandon on January 31st and the University of Manitoba on February 19th.

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