

Public Board of Education Meeting Agenda



March 9, 2026
6:30 p.m.
School District Office

1. Board Chair opens the meeting and calls the meeting to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement that the meeting was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of Secwepemcúl'ecw, specifically T'exelc, and that Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is proud to serve the students and families of the Secwepemc, Tsilhqot'in and Dakelh Nations.

3. Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda for March 9, 2026, Public Meeting of the Board of Education be approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

THAT the minutes of February 23, 2026, Public Meeting of the Board of Education be approved as presented.

5. Consent Items

Summary Report of February 23, 2026, In-Camera Meeting of the Board of Education

THAT the Board of Education receives the consent agenda items for information.

6. Delegation / Presentations

Principal, Ben McIntosh - Naghtaneq mountain bike project

7. Reports on Progress

7.1. Superintendent Report

8. Committee of the Whole Report

No Committee of the Whole meeting was held in March.

9. New Business

9.1. 70-Mile School – TELUS Statutory Right of Way

Motion 3 – Third and Final Reading

*THAT the Board of Education of School District 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) approves the 70-Mile School TELUS Statutory Right of Way – Bylaw 2026-1 for the **third** and **final** time at this Regular meeting of the Board on February 23, 2026.*

9.2. Financial - 2026/27 Operating Budget Engagement Process

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) supports the attached Public Budget Engagement Process and Timeline.

10. Trustees' Report

11. Question Period

12. Adjournment

“Learning, Growing, and Belonging Together”

**February 23, 2026 (6:30 p.m)
Meeting was held virtually.**

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| Trustees in Attendance: | |
| TEAMS: | Angie Delainey (Chair), Melissa Coates, Willow Macdonald, Michael Franklin, Linda Martens, Anne Kohut, Mary Forbes. |
| Regrets: | |
| Staff: | Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Director of Finance, Fawn Wiebe, Director of Human Resources Taryn Aumond, Directors of Instruction Sean Cameron, Grant Gustafson, Director of Operations Marc Loewen, and Executive Assistant Jodi Symmes. |

1. Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the acknowledgement that the meeting was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of Secwepemcú'ecw, specifically T'exelc, and that Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is proud to serve the students and families of the Secwepemc, Tsilhqot'in and Dakelh Nations.

1.1. Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda for February 23, 2026, Public Meeting of the Board of Education be approved.

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| O2026.02.23-01 | Moved: Trustee Macdonald |
| | Seconded: Trustee Forbes |

1.2. Approval of Minutes

THAT the minutes of January 26, 2026, Public Meeting of the Board of Education be approved as presented.

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| O2026.02.23-02 | Moved: Trustee Coates |
| | Seconded: Trustee Macdonald |

1.3. Consent Items

THAT the Board of Education receives the consent agenda items for information.

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| O2026.02.23-03 | Moved: Trustee Macdonald |
| | Seconded: Trustee Martens |

2. Delegation / Presentations - None

3. Reports on Progress

3.1. Superintendents Report

Superintendent Lenardon provided the Board of Education with a review of all events that
“Learning, Growing, and Belonging Together”

have taken place across the district in the month of February.

3.1.1 IT Partnerships and District Recognition

Director Cameron provided an update on district vendors for hardware and software that they have been working with to move the district forward. In doing so, the district has been recognized for its innovative work by being asked to work on a case study that will be shared across North America.

3.2. 70-Mile School - TELUS Statutory Right of Way

TELUS Communications Inc. (TELUS) has requested that a Statutory Right of Way (SRW) be provided on the 70-Mile School site to accommodate their upgrade to a new, state-of-the-art fibre optic cable service. Currently, a BC Hydro SRW is registered on the land to accommodate an existing pole line.

Motion 1 – First Reading

***THAT** the Board of Education of School District 27 (Cariboo Chilcotin) approves the 70-Mile School TELUS Statutory Right of Way – Bylaw 2025-1 to be read for the **first** time at this Regular meeting of the Board, on February 23, 2026.*

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| O2026.02.23-04 | Moved: Trustee Macdonald |
| | Seconded: Trustee Martens |

Motion 2 – Second Reading

***THAT** the Board of Education of School District 27 (Cariboo Chilcotin) approves the 70-Mile School TELUS Statutory Right of Way – Bylaw 2025-1 to be read for the **second** time at this Regular meeting of the Board, on February 23, 2026.*

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| O2026.02.23-05 | Moved: Trustee Coates |
| | Seconded: Trustee Martens |

3.3 Transportation – System Efficiency and Issues Repot

Director Loewen reviewed some of the key highlights that have been achieved from the systems efficiencies that have been implemented over the past two years, and where it is felt more will be found as the district works collaboratively with communities.

3.4 Financial – Amended 2025/26 Operating Budget Bylaw

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, and Director of Finance Fawn Weibe, reviewed the Amended 2025/26 Operating Budget and bylaw for the Board of Education and answered questions that arose.

Motion 1 – Procedural

***THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) gives three readings of the School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 at this Board meeting held February 23, 2026.*

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| O2026.02.23-06 | Moved: Trustee Macdonald |
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| | Seconded: Trustee Coates |
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Motion 2 – First Reading

THAT the School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 in the amount of \$80,192,852 be read a first time this 23rd day of February 2026.

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| O2026.02.23-07 | Moved: Trustee Coates |
| | Seconded: Trustee Martens |

Motion 3 – Second Reading

THAT the School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 in the amount of \$80,192,852 be read the second time this 23rd day of February 2026.

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| O2026.02.23-08 | Moved: Trustee Coates |
| | Seconded: Trustee Martens |

Motion 4 – Third and Final Reading

THAT the School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw 2025/2026 in the amount of \$80,192,852 be read the third and final time this 23rd day of February 2026.

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| O2026.02.23-9 | Moved: Trustee Coates |
| Carries | Seconded: Trustee Martens |

3.5 Committee of the Whole Report

THAT the Board of Education receives the February 9, 2026, Committee of the Whole Report and approves any recommendations contained therein.

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| O2026.02.23-10 | Moved: Trustee Macdonlad |
| | Seconded: Trustee Franklin |

- 4. New Business
- 5. Trustees’ Report
- 6. Question and Comment Period
- 7. Adjournment at 7:18 p.m.

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| O2026.02.23-11 | Moved: Trustee Macdonald |
| Carried | Seconded: Trustee Coates |

 Russell Horswill
 Acting-Secretary-Treasurer

 Angie Delainey
 Chair

Agenda Item: 5

In-Camera Meeting Notes provided pursuant to Section 72 (3) of the School Act:

“A board must prepare a record containing a general statement as to the nature of the matters discussed and the general nature of the decisions reached at a meeting from which persons other than trustees or officers of the board, or both, were excluded, and the record must be open for inspection at all reasonable times by any person, who may make copies and extracts on payment of a fee set by the board”.

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| DATE: | February 23, 2026 |
| TRUSTEE PRESENT: | |
| TRUSTEE ATTENDING VIA TEAMS: | Angie Delainey (Chair), Melissa Coates, Willow Macdonald, Michael Franklin, Linda Martens, Anne Kohut, Mary Forbes |
| REGRETS: | |
| STAFF PRESENT: | Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Director of Finance, Fawn Wiebe, Director of Human Resources Taryn Aumond, Directors of Instruction Sean Cameron, Grant Gustafson, Hattie Darney, Director of Operations Marc Loewen, and Executive Assistant Jodi Symmes. |

1. Opening by Chair
 - 1.1. Call to Order – 5:03 p.m. and acknowledgment of traditional territory.
2. Agenda and Minutes
 - 2.1. Approval of Agenda
 - 2.2. In-Camera Meeting Approval of Minutes
3. Action Items
 - 3.1. Approval of In-Camera - Committee of the Whole
4. Discussion Items
 - 4.1. Financial - 2026/27 Operating Budget “status quo” budget
 - 4.2. Briefing Note

Meeting adjourned until after the public meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.
 - 4.3. Education – Critical Incident Communication
5. Information Items
6. Adjournment

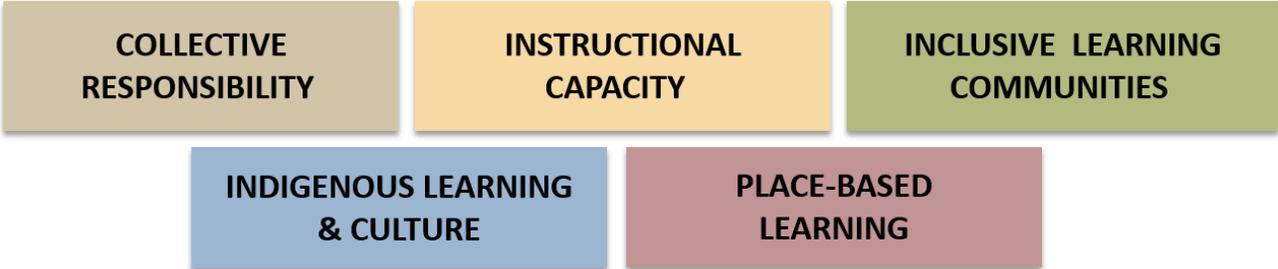
“Learning, Growing, and Belonging Together”

Agenda Item #7.1



Walking Together in the 2025-2026 School Year
in Cariboo-Chilcotin School District No. 27

Being Good Ancestors For



District Key Focus Areas for Enhancing Learner Success 2024-2027

Superintendent Report to Board of Education
March 9, 2026

WLFN LEA Signing Celebration



[WLFN LEA Signing Ceremony](#)

The Williams Lake First Nation (WLFN) Local Education Agreement (LEA) signing ceremony was held on February 26. Board of Education Chair Angie Delaine, superintendent, directors of Instruction, and principals and staff from all the schools where WLFN students attend were guests of the nation for a joyful celebration of our work together to enhance the success of students. Principals were presented with medicine pouches and feathers for their leadership and care with respect to the 101 WLFN students across public and private schools on T'exelc territory. Director Gustafson spoke on behalf of the district sharing many examples of positive initiatives and successes. The evening hosted by WLFN was an opportunity to look back at what has been accomplished and ahead to the work still to be done for gaps to be closed and all students thriving and meeting their goals.

BC Superintendent of Indigenous Education Dr. Brad Baker was an honoured guest and pointed to the local agreement as “lighthouse for other districts to follow.” Cariboo-Chilcotin School District is very proud of the collaboration and close working relationship with the WLFN education team that transforms an accountability document into systemic change for student success.

See [post by Williams Lake First Nation](#) and [Williams Lake Tribune story](#).

BC Superintendent of Indigenous Education Visit

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| INDIGENOUS LEARNING & CULTURE | INSTRUCTIONAL CAPACITY |
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While in district at the invitation of Williams Lake First Nation, BC Superintendent of Indigenous Education Dr. Brad Baker visited Lake City Secondary. He got to see the resource centre with hundreds of learning kits available for schools to use to enhance learning about local Indigenous history and culture. He had the pleasure of engaging with students as they worked on anorak and regalia projects. He also met the district Indigenous Role Models Michaellaine Evans of T'exelc and Terrence Ramos of Esk'etemc who emceed and

spoke at the LEA ceremony. Dr. Baker commended both role models for their confidence and exemplary representation of the district as young leaders.

Dr. Baker joined a meeting of the [Indigenous student leadership council](#) that has started meeting regularly at Lake City Secondary. Students are invited to give input on educational decisions that impact their education. Students will continue to meet throughout the year, sharing their voices, and shaping their school experience. The district is looking to create a similar structure at Peter Skene Ogden Secondary. It was powerful for the students to have a provincial leader in Indigenous Education hear them.

Xatsull Parent Night

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| COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY | INDIGENOUS LEARNING & CULTURE | SAFE, CARING & INCLUSIVE LEARNING COMMUNITIES |
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Xatsull First Nation invited school district staff to meet with families for conversation, pizza, and a game of floor hockey. Directors of instruction, superintendent, district and school principals and staff attended the event in community. RCMP members who were on site to meet with Chief and Council joined in the fun.

Chief Rhonda Phillips expressed appreciation to the team for being there. It was a great opportunity to

[Xatsull Community Night](#)

make connections and demonstrate commitment to our partnership for the success of students. Thank you to the Xatsull Education Department for organizing the evening.

Growing Leaders First Session

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

INSTRUCTIONAL CAPACITY



The Cariboo-Chilcotin Leadership Development Program is an 18-month learning journey designed to identify, develop, and support aspiring school leaders. The program blends mentorship, real-world practice, and district-aligned learning to build the skills, confidence, and readiness needed for future leadership roles.

The ten members of the program's first cohort met for the first time on March 4 to begin to connect with one another and district staff, learn about district team routines and protocols, and start to explore their leadership identities. We look forward to the next session.

Medicine and Tea Blending Tour

INDIGENOUS LEARNING & CULTURE

PLACE-BASED LEARNING



[Learning About Traditional Plant Medicines](#)



[Tea Blending](#)

As part of the district-wide learning program supported by the Indigenous Education Council, all Grade 3 classes have the opportunity to learn about traditional medicine harvesting, blend healing medicines, and take home tea to share with family.

Tatla Lake school “was grateful to welcome Dancing Water Sandy to lead a tea blending workshop that introduced students to the traditional medicinal qualities of local plants. During the session, students learned about plants such as mullein, rose hips, Labrador leaf, and soapalalie berries and how they have been used traditionally to support health and wellness.

Students had the opportunity to create their own tea blends, including a cough and cold tea and a sleepy time tea. This hands-on learning experience helped students understand how knowledge of the land has long been used to care for people and support well-being.

We were also pleased to have students from Anahim Lake School join us for this shared learning opportunity. It was a wonderful day of connection, learning, and appreciation for Indigenous knowledge and the important role that plants play in traditional medicine.”

At Mile 108 Elementary “students in Ms. Fast’s class created two beautifully fragrant tea blends — Sleepy Tea and Cold & Cough. Students individually and thoughtfully created their own blend from a selection of Indigenous plants. Our special guests, Dancing Water and Freda Alphonse, generously shared their knowledge about the unique qualities and health benefits of each plant. Students learned how the plants are traditionally and respectfully harvested, and how they have been used to support wellness for generations. It was a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning, cultural connection, and appreciation for the gifts of the land.”

Watch for the upcoming Grade 7 project to make healing and repair salve.

Parent Session: Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

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| COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY | SAFE, CARING & INCLUSIVE LEARNING COMMUNITIES |
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Parents and caregivers are invited to join a [virtual session hosted by Safer Schools Together](#) about safe and caring use of technology at home and in the on **March 11 at 6:30 pm**. This free 60-minute online session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Register for FREE –[Family Session | March 11, 2026 | Remote - via Zoom Tickets, Wednesday, Mar 11 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm PDT | Eventbrite](#)

Key Focus Areas of our District Plan for Learner Success



Schools continue to contribute powerful images and descriptions to help share the story of how the key focus areas of the District are coming to life across the Cariboo-Chilcotin. These examples may be viewed on the [district website](#) as [focus area posts](#).

This work is embedded in daily life in our schools and across departments. There is significant cross-over of the themes as all members of the school district community act for greater collective responsibility, instructional capacity, inclusive learning communities, Indigenous learning and culture, and place-based learning. Please take a few moments to explore our stories and celebrate our success with us.

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| <p>Collective Responsibility ></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common information• Professional conversations• Collaborative relationships• Intentional action | <p>Instructional Capacity ></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy• Numeracy• Assessment• Collaborative Professional Development | <p>Inclusive Learning Communities ></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safe, welcome environments• Meaningful engagement in learning• Connection to caring adults• Student voice | <p>Indigenous Learning & Culture ></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local cultural learning• Language• Equity of outcomes• Belonging, Mastery, Independence, Generosity | <p>Place-Based Learning ></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Time outdoors• Time in nature• Learning on and from the land• Local learning |
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There are many more stories than are shared in this brief report. Click to read >

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Russell Horswill, Acting Secretary-Treasurer

DATE: March 09, 2026

RE: Item #9.1 - 70-Mile School – TELUS Statutory Right of Way

BACKGROUND

TELUS Communications Inc. (TELUS) has requested that a Statutory Right of Way (SRW) be provided on the 70-Mile School site to accommodate their upgrade to a new, state-of-the-art fibre optic cable service. Currently, a BC Hydro SRW is registered on the land to accommodate an existing pole line. The poles are jointly owned by BC Hydro and TELUS; however, the current SRW only supports BC Hydro infrastructure.

TELUS is requesting a similar SRW to that provided to BC Hydro, which will formalize an agreement for their service. The pole line itself will not change as the requested agreement will apply to the current footprint, and no new poles or structures will be installed on the property.

First and Second reading of the Bylaw was approved by the Board at the February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve thirds and final reading of the Bylaw at the March 09, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Board Motions:

Motion 3 – Third and Final Reading

THAT the Board of Education of School District 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) approves the 70-Mile School TELUS Statutory Right of Way – Bylaw 2026-1 for the **third and final** time at this Regular meeting of the Board on February 23, 2026.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 (BURNABY)
70-MILE SCHOOL TELUS STATUTORY RIGHT-OF-WAY – BYLAW 2026-1**

WHEREAS section 65 (5) of the School Act provides that a board of education may exercise a power with respect to the acquisition or disposal of property owned or administered by the board only by bylaw;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 96 (1) of the School Act, “land” includes any interest in land, including any right, title or estate in it of any tenure;

AND WHEREAS:

- I. TELUS Communications Inc. (“TELUS”) propose to register a Statutory Right-of-Way on land owned by The Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) (“Board”) legally described as PID: 013-283-740 – Block A District Lot 1645 Lillooet District, on the 70-Mile School site (“Property”);
- II. TELUS proposes a Statutory Right-of-Way to the portion of land in the same location of the existing BC Hydro and Power Authority Statutory Right-of-Way (#124007E) as shown on the site plan attached hereto as Schedule, subject to the Standard Charge Term agreement;
- III. the Property is facility number 2727067;
- IV. the address of the Property is 2545 N Bonaparte Road, 70-Mile House, British Columbia, V0K 2K2, and the legal description of the Property is:

Parcel Identifier: 013-283-740 – Block A District Lot 1645 Lillooet;
- V. the Board is satisfied that the granting of the Statutory Right-of-Way to TELUS will not interfere with the Board’s use of the Property for educational purposes.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved as a Bylaw of the Board that the Board grant the Statutory Right-of-Way to TELUS.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Secretary-Treasurer be and is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Board, to execute and deliver the Statutory Right-of-Way to TELUS in registrable form and on such terms as the Secretary-Treasurer may consider advisable, and all related and ancillary documents required to complete the granting of the Statutory Right-of-Way.

This bylaw may be cited as “70-Mile School TELUS Statutory Right of Way – Bylaw 2026-1”.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS **23RD** DAY OF **FEBRUARY 2026**.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS **23RD** DAY OF **FEBRUARY 2026**.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS **9TH** DAY OF **MARCH 2026**.

Chairperson of the Board

Corporate Seal

Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and original 70-Mile School TELUS Statutory Right of Way – Bylaw 2026-1, adopted by the Board this 9th day of March 2026.

Secretary-Treasurer

Briefing Note

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Russell Horswill, Acting Secretary-Treasurer

DATE: March 09, 2026

RE: Item #9.2 - 2026/27 Operating Budget Engagement Process

BACKGROUND

The Board of Education is required to approve an Annual Operating Budget by June 30, 2026, for the 2026/27 fiscal year. Enrolment projections for the next three school years have been submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, who will use the projections to calculate the estimated grants for the 2026/27 fiscal. Funding tables are expected to be released just before Spring Break.

RECOMMENDATION

***THAT** the Board of Education of School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin) supports the attached Public Budget Engagement Process and Timeline.*

Public Budget Engagement Process and Timeline

2026/27 Annual Operating Budget

Global Timeline

| Completion by Date | Budget Task | Task Comments |
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| February 13 | “Status Quo” Budget | Role forward amended budget from prior year. Update student FTE and associated staffing plan. Fine tune budget factors based on current trends. Present to Board Committee of the Whole – In-Camera |
| March 13 | Ministry of Education and Childcare Estimated Grants Released | When received, report any unexpected changes or result to the Senior Leadership Team |
| March 30 | IEC Special Meeting – IEC Engagement | Preliminary approval of funding for staffing levels for budgeting purposes. |
| March 31 | Ministry Government Reporting Entity (GRE) Report / Q3 Finance Projections | Finalize current year surplus/deficit to budget and project available Unrestricted Operating Reserve amount. |
| April 13 | Board Committee of the Whole – In-Camera 2026/27 Draft Budget Presentation | Discuss draft budget and Unrestricted Operating Reserve to establish overall budget context |
| May 8 | School Engagement / Feedback Session | Like prior year. Group with Principal, Teachers, Support Staff and Parent from each school. Draft budget presentation which links to Board Strategic Plan, then opportunity for each school table to discuss and respond to survey questions |
| May 15 | IEC Engagement / Feedback Session | Grant to create opportunity to discuss district draft budget with Indigenous Education Council. Seek feedback on budget as it relates to the IEC priorities and Board Strategic Plan |
| May 15 | DPAC Presentation / Questions | Attend DPAC meeting |
| May 25 | Board Budget Bylaw Approval – 1 st and 2 nd Reading at Regular Meeting | Staff public presentation of Annual Budget. Link to Board Strategic Plan, IEC Priorities, and Superintendent Priorities |
| June 15 | Cut-off for final budget feedback | |
| June 17 | Finalize 2026/27 Annual Budget | Incorporate any adjustments to budget after 1 st and 2 nd reading |
| June 22 | Board Budget Bylaw Approval – 3 rd and Final Reading at Regular Meeting | Report on final feedback. |
| June 30 | Submit Budget Bylaw to Ministry of Education and Childcare | Sign Budget Report and submit electronic files to Ministry |