



Wellington Catholic  
District School Board  
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### **Wellington Catholic District School Board Passes a Balanced Budget for 2008/2009**

Trustees of the Wellington Catholic District School Board concluded a series of budget meetings with a Board Budget Meeting on Monday, June 23. The Board passed its Operating Budget for \$71,474,266. This represents a 3.8% increase from last year. Most of the budget is dedicated to teachers, support and administrative staff with the District. The revenues are primarily from the Ministry of Education and these increased by 2.48% from last year's allocation.

Other expenditures featured some enhancements in the Board's chaplaincy programs at secondary, in the renewal of a technology infrastructure program, in the high skills major programs for secondary students in each of its high schools and in a series of program initiatives to assist students whose first language is not English. The District was able to maintain its investments in the four key areas of its strategic plan, namely, Catholicity, Student Achievement, Site Improvement and Quality Service.

This will be a challenging budget year as expenditures in transportation, energy escalation, and other fixed costs will continue to be problematic. Director of Education, Don Drone, noted that “the good news is that student achievement results continue to improve and the facilities of the District are among the best in the province.”

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