



# Provincial funding leads to \$6 million Prairie Spirit shortfall

## Why?

- A new education funding model has been in place in Saskatchewan since 2012.
- The funding model is intended to fund school divisions equitably so that all students in the province receive similar learning opportunities.
- The funding model fails to fund Prairie Spirit equitably.
- Prairie Spirit is funded significantly lower per student when compared to similar school divisions.

## Is this fair?

- We will have a \$6 million shortfall in 2015/16 as a result of the funding model.
- Prairie Spirit's funding per student has decreased each year since 2012 because of the new funding model.
- When compared to the highest funded school division, which is similar to Prairie Spirit, Prairie Spirit receives:
  - **\$4,000 less per student!**
  - **\$40 million less overall for the school division!**

## We have...

- Asked the Ministry of Education, the Minister of Education and local MLAs on numerous occasions to provide additional funding until the funding model is fully implemented and refined.
- Requested additional grants and project funding.
- Cut \$2 million from our operating budget over the past two years.
- Used \$3 million of limited reserve funds to balance the 2014/15 budget.

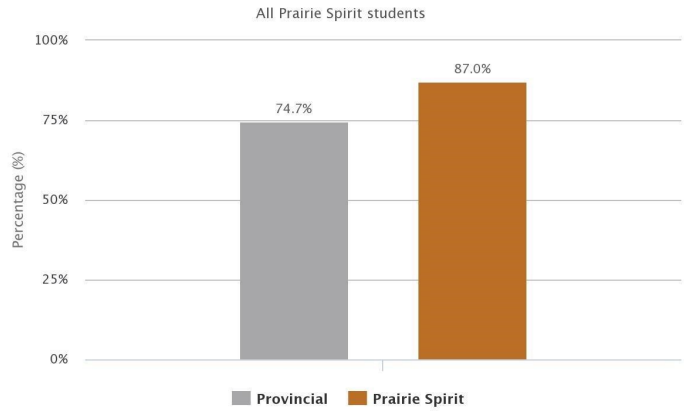
## How will your child be affected?

- We will be challenged to maintain our graduation rates, literacy and math achievement results and the success of our First Nations and Métis students, all of which are among the highest in the province.
- There will be:
  - Fewer staff working directly in schools with students;
  - Less funds to support students with diverse needs;
  - Less funds to support extra-curricular activities;
  - Less funds for student programs; and
  - Less funds for building and maintenance needs.

## For more information...

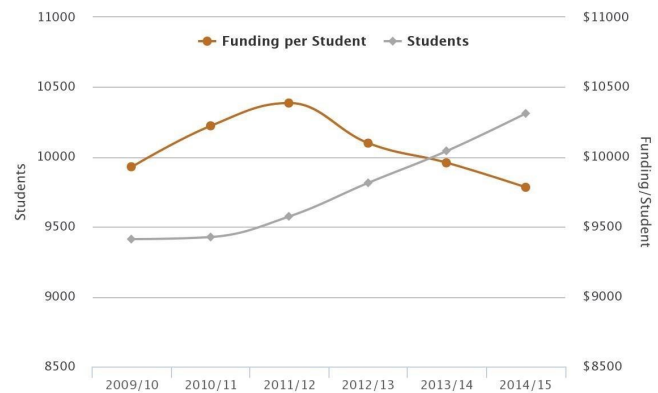
For more details about Prairie Spirit's budget and shortfall, please visit the Prairie Spirit budget blog ([budget.spiritsd.ca](http://budget.spiritsd.ca)).

Graduation Rates 2013/14



For every 100 students, Prairie Spirit graduates 12 more students than the provincial average. We will be challenged to maintain these graduation rates with a budget shortfall of this magnitude.

Base Enrollment vs. Average Funding per Student



Prairie Spirit is one of the fastest growing school divisions in the province, yet the funding per student has been declining.

## How can you help?

If you are concerned about the funding shortfall experienced by Prairie Spirit School Division, you may wish to voice your concern to:

- [Brad Wall](#) **Premier of Saskatchewan**  
premier@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-9433
- [Don Morgan](#) **Minister of Education**  
minister.edu@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-0613

The MLAs in Prairie Spirit School Division are:

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