



PRAIRIE SPIRIT
SCHOOL DIVISION

Budget 2024/25

How does Prairie Spirit allocate its funding?

Operational funding - What does this mean?

Operational funding is the money provided by the provincial government to run Prairie Spirit schools. The Board appreciates the largest budget we have received in many years, but one budget won't sufficiently cover every challenge in the Division's operations and the government is aware of this.

The Board continues to work with the Ministry of Education, offering collaborative solutions that directly impact children in the classroom.

For the 2024/25 year, Prairie Spirit will use \$800,000 from unrestricted reserve funds to ensure a balanced budget of \$137 million.



Classroom size - Will this change?

The overall ratio of teachers to students will remain the same throughout the Division. Any changes schools see are due to enrolment increases or decreases at the local level.



Classroom complexity - What about my child?

Prairie Spirit has reallocated a portion of teacher time to every school to provide specific support for classroom complexities identified at the local level. This may mean different things for individual classrooms. You may have read in the news that this funding is "the floor, not the ceiling" and as more funding becomes available, it will be directed into classrooms.

The Board remains committed to transparency and sharing this information with families as it is confirmed.



Capital funding - What will Prairie Spirit receive?

The provincial government provides capital funding to build new schools and renovate schools around the province.

The Board appreciates the following capital funding projects in the 2024 provincial budget:

- Funding for the design stage of the expansion of South Corman Park School from a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school to a Kindergarten - Grade 12 school. This expansion was requested by the community, advocated for by the Board and supported by Division staff.
- \$3.5 million for a renovation project at Waldheim School.



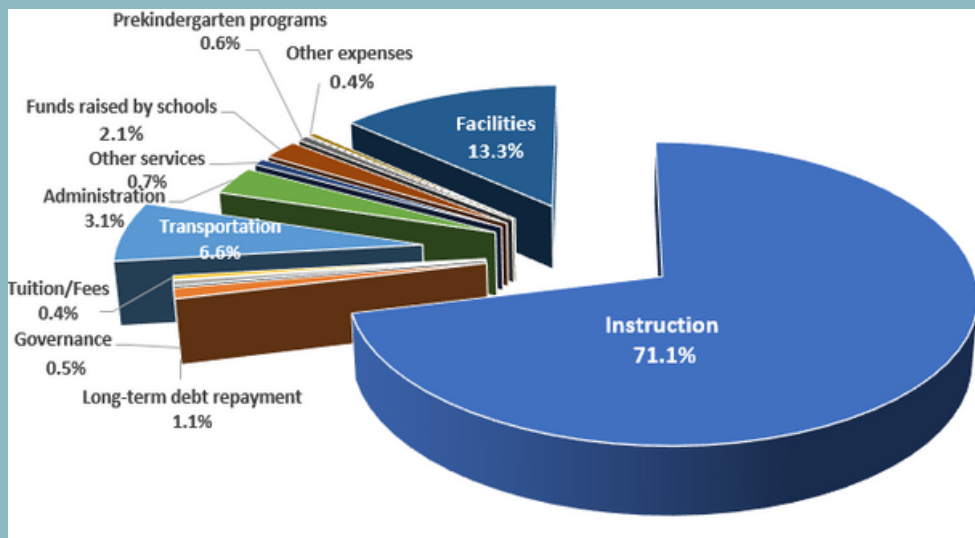
Advocacy - What is the Board's role?

Among other governance duties, it is the Board's job to meet with the provincial government about the needs of Prairie Spirit students. Lately, that work has included class complexity, mental health and family wellness, and innovative ways to bring more opportunity to the Division.

The Board is dedicated to providing the Ministry of Education with data from our classrooms that will drive future funding and priorities to where we need them most.

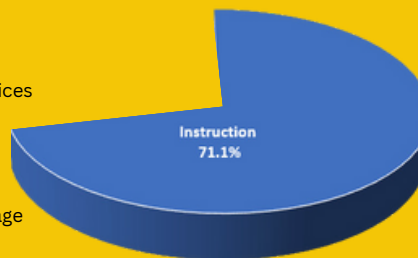


How does Prairie Spirit allocate funding from the provincial government?



What is included in Instruction?

- School-based Teachers and Principals/Vice Principals
- Educational Associates
- School Administrative Assistants
- Counsellors
- Instructional support:
 - Subject Specialists
 - Library Technicians
 - Technology Support
 - Learning Support Services
 - Educational Psychologists
 - Occupational Therapists
 - Speech and Language Pathologists
 - Behavioural Consultants



Prairie Spirit School Division serves 12,000 students in 46 schools in 28 communities surrounding the City of Saskatoon.

In Prairie Spirit, students and adults learn in creative ways, embracing community as their classroom. We are developing engaged citizens with confidence, courage, empathy and commitment in shaping positive change.