

Administration and Finance Committee Meeting
June 10, 2025
<i>PROPOSED 2025-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET</i>
Multi Year Strategic Plan Value: Believe, Excel, Respect, Thrive and Trust

*“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you
and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”*
(Matthew 21:43)

BACKGROUND

On May 23, 2025, the Ministry of Education (Ministry) released the *2025: B02 2025-26 Education Funding* memorandum. The Ministry provides capital funding through the Building, Expanding and Renewing Schools (BERS) funding allocations and is designed to target capital needs identified by assessments, facility conditions reporting and capital priority requests.

DISCUSSION

The Ministry will continue to fund the School Condition Improvements (SCI) program and School Renewal (SR) funding that helps address high and urgent needs and keeps schools in a state of good repair. The SCI and SR funds are subject to restriction of use within 2.5 years to ensure improvements are realized in a timely manner. If not used within the 2.5 years, the allocations will expire.

School boards are required to direct 70 percent of SCI funds to address major building components and systems, such as roofs, windows, plumbing and heating. The remaining 30 percent can be used similarly or for building interiors and surrounding site components, such as parking and pavement upgrades.

SR funding allows school boards to improve aged building systems and components, undertake capital improvements and address maintenance requirements. SR funds should be prioritized to address facility condition, ventilation, health and safety, general code requirements and accessibility.

The facility conditions database for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) indicates over \$345 million of maintenance/renewal needs to be addressed over the next five years.

DPCDSB will undertake several facility renewal projects, which are designed to create a safe and more comfortable learning environment for our students and staff. Through the *Long-Term Facilities Master Plan (LTFMP)* updates, the Facilities department will be reviewing the needs of the schools and identifying specific projects for the coming year. Typically, annual work consists of HVAC upgrades and replacements, LED lighting retrofits, accommodation renovations, and building roofs and exterior building components projects.

DPCDSB had received prior approval through major capital projects for the replacement of St. Anne Catholic Elementary School and a new St. Ruth Catholic Elementary School. The expected opening dates for the schools are September 2025.

The capital budget contains minor tangible capital assets (mTCA) expected to be purchased in 2025-2026. The most significant assets with this classification are computers, vehicles, and small equipment.

The Ministry of Education also provides funding for the long-term financing of the Not Permanently Financed (NPF) debenture payments and debt interest related to Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) Loans. These funding sources are shown here as related to capital; however, the actual flow of the funds comes through operating and will be captured in the proposed operating budget.

The proposed capital budget presents a balanced financial position and amounts to \$39.4 million. Details of the proposed capital revenues and expenditures are shown in Appendix A.

CONCLUSION

This report presents a proposed balanced capital budget for 2025-2026. The BERS funding allocations target specific capital needs.

THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION IS PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. THAT THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE PROPOSED BALANCED 2025-2026 TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET OF \$39.4 MILLION.**

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Appendix A

2025-2026 Proposed Capital Budget (\$ millions)

Capital Projects	Total Capital Expenditures	Core Ed Funding	Capital Priorities	Childcare Capital	SRA/SCI and Temp Accom	Debt Service / NPF	Total Funding Allocation
St. Anne CES - Replacement School	-						-
St. Ruth CES - New School	-						-
School Renewal and SCI Projects	34.0				34.0		34.0
Minor Tangible Capital Assets	4.6	4.6					4.6
Temporary Accommodation	0.8				0.8		0.8
Total Capital Budget	\$39.4	\$4.6	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$34.8	\$0.0	\$39.4
Interest on Long-Term Debt						6.6	
Financing of NPF (55 School Board Trust)						3.4	
Long-Term Debt Financing						\$10.0	