



Quick Facts in Focus

Funding Canada's Largest School Board



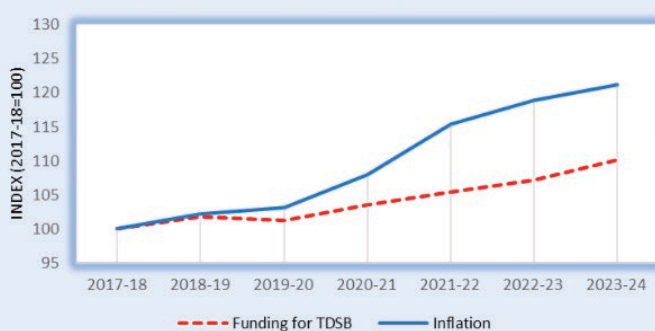
The TDSB operates close to 600 schools and the size of its student population and operations means there are significant needs. The Board has a projected **\$34.4 million deficit for 2025-26 and is required by the Ministry of Education to eliminate this.** A reduction of this scale will involve cuts across the entire system which will affect current programs offered by the Board.

Funding

In recent years, funding for the TDSB has not kept pace with costs. The TDSB received approximately:

- **\$293.2** million in funding to maintain buildings in 2023-24, while spending exceeded **\$447.1** million in the same year as the maintenance backlog grew by approx. **\$70** million
- **\$43.7** million is the cumulative unfunded portion of statutory benefits (e.g. for CPP & EI) for 2024-25
- **\$433.6** million was the funding received for special education, but TDSB spent **\$472.1** million
- **\$14.3** million is the funding received to support student and staff mental health, safety & well-being, while spending was **\$25.2** million

Core Education Funding vs. Inflation



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Budget Pressures

In recent years, the Board has faced growing pressure to spend more than what has been allocated by the Ministry to support students, staff and communities. Some areas facing funding strain include:



Resources to support student and staff mental health, safety and well-being



Unfunded statutory benefit increases



Supply staffing costs (teachers and educational assistants)



Accessible schools for students and staff



Information technology supports to support student achievement (e.g. devices, infrastructure and cyber security)



Improvements to school ventilation



Supporting the community use of schools through permits



Maintenance of existing schools and the renewal of aging infrastructure

How School Boards Are Funded

School boards receive most of their funding from the provincial government. A large portion of this funding is allocated to cover school staffing for teachers, Early Childhood Educators and principals, while other staffing and costs receive targeted funding from the Ministry of Education.

