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Changes to Funding Model

- In 2014-15, the Ministry introduced the School Board Efficiencies and Modernization (SBEM) strategy
- Strategy is to provide incentives for boards to make more efficient use of school space
- Changes to the funding formula have resulted in the loss of Top-up funding under the School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant
- Approximate loss in funding to our Board is $4.5 million annually once fully phased in
- The funding loss is being phased in over three years
Financial Considerations

- As enrolment declines in a school, empty pupil places arise.
- Operating funding decreases - based upon a per-pupil amount.
- The board must maintain and operate the empty spaces - operating costs such as heating, lighting, cleaning, maintenance, etc.
- Ministry used to provide Top-Up funding to close the gap between a full school and the empty spaces.
  - phasing out support for under-utilized space in schools.
- Boards directly responsible for funding the operating costs of the empty spaces.
- Boards must ensure funding is focused on the students who are in the classrooms and not maintaining empty classrooms.
Operating Expenditures

1. Salaries & Benefits 90%
2. Other Operating & Contractual 8%
3. Departmental Budgets 2%

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Operating & Contractual Expenditures

- School Budgets: 20%
- Transportation Contracts: 27%
- Operations & Maintenance - Contractual: 13%
- Utilities: 27%
- Continuing Education: 2%
- Insurance, Legal & Audit: 5%
- Computer Leases / Technology Upgrades: 6%

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Questions?