

VSB Budget 2016/2017



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Inclusive Schools
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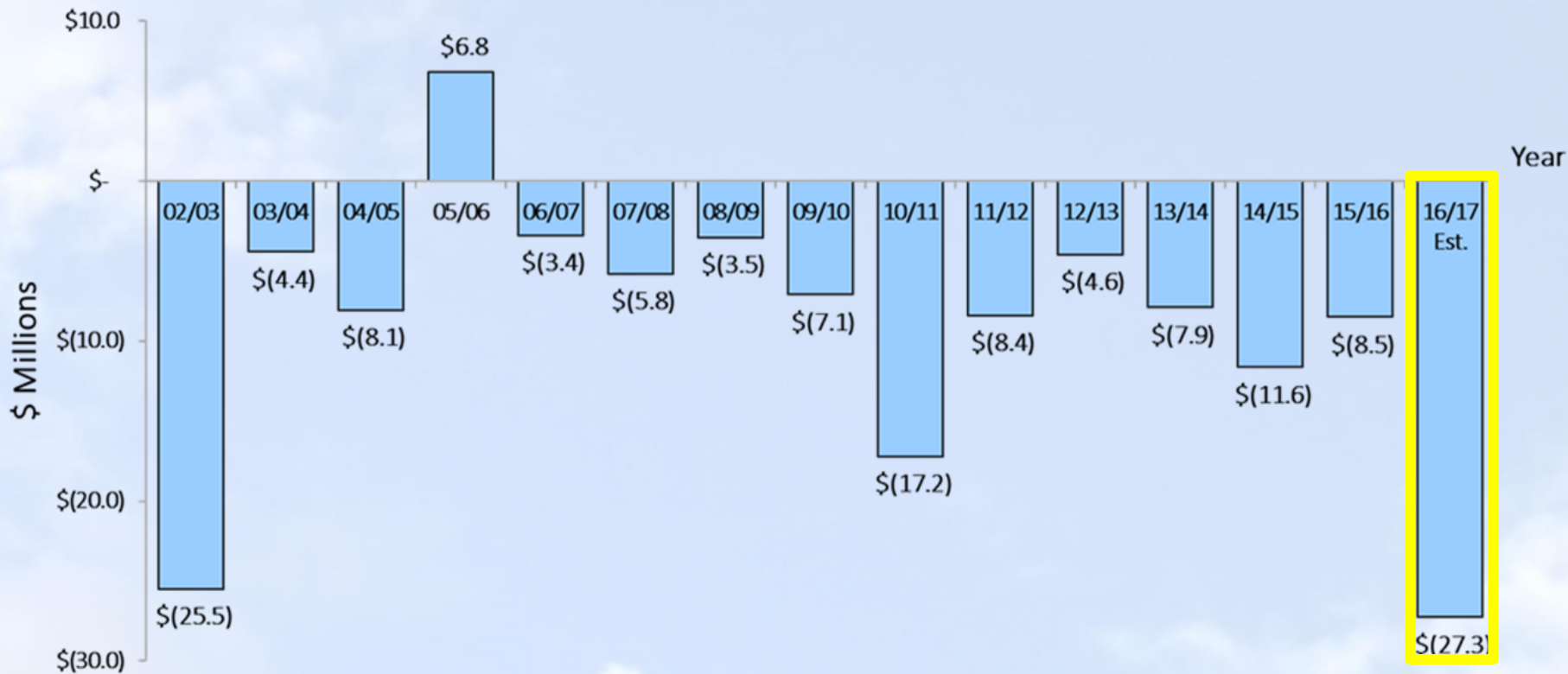
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Agenda

1. What is the amount of our budget shortfall this year?
2. Why is the shortfall so much bigger than in previous years?
3. What are the specific issues relating to the budget in Vancouver?
4. Where do we stand compared to other similar school districts?
5. How are budget proposals developed?
6. What are the proposals being put on the table for the Board's consideration?
7. How can you provide input to assist the Board in making decisions?

History of Operating* Budget Projected Surplus / (Shortfall)



*Operating does not include: targeted funding, SPF, capital

Why is 2016/2017 Shortfall So Significant?

Multi-Year Trends Emerging:

- Enrolment Decline
- Downloaded Costs from MoE
- Ongoing Impact of Lower School Utilization
- Previous One-Time Cuts
- Collective Agreement Staffing Requirements
- Ongoing Structural Deficit
 - Funded by prior year's surpluses
 - Expenses consistently higher than income

Sources of 2016/2017 Funding Shortfall

2016/2017 Preliminary Operating Budget Projection	
(\$ millions)	
(as at March 30, 2016)	
Structural Deficit	\$ millions
Amounts Carried Forward from Previous Year's Surplus	\$ (13.10)
One-time cuts to be Replaced	(5.37)
	<u>\$ (18.47)</u>
Funding Impacts	
Enrolment decline	(3.02)
MOE Administrative Cuts or One-time Grants to be Replaced	(2.69)
March 15, 2016 MOE Funding Announcement	(2.15)
Downloaded Costs for Next Generation Network	(0.96)
Other	0.02
	<u>\$ (8.80)</u>
2016/2017 Projected Shortfall	\$ (27.26)

Sources of 2016/2017 Funding Shortfall

Amounts Carried Forward from Previous Years' Surplus

- Savings made during the year (in-year savings) or carried forward from prior year.
- Budgets have been successively cut/squeezed in recent years → less in-year savings
 - 2015/2016: \$13.53 million
 - 2016/2017(est'd): \$1.96 million

2016/2017 is Trending Differently

- VBE experienced shortfalls in the past, however, in-year savings always reduced the shortfall by Feb/Mar in years past;
- This shortfall has increased from January's projection, from \$24.4 to \$27.3 million;
- Projected to end 2015/2016 at \$1.2 million, which is 1/3 of 1 % of budget, a slim margin.

Challenges to Long Term Financial Sustainability

- Provincial funding – low compared to other provinces
- More facilities space per student than subset districts
- Higher teaching staffing per student than subset districts
- Staffing ratios and minimum staffing levels for building operations and grounds

Benchmarking

Student / Staff Ratios (as of Nov. 2015)			
	Vanc	Subset Districts	FTE Under / (Over) Subset
Teachers	16.9	17.6	(112.0)
Educational Assistants	56.5	55.1	23.0
Principals / Vice Ps	256.7	262.2	(4.0)
Support Staff & Excluded	42.6	53.4	(236.0)
Total District Staffing	9.6	10.3	(329.0)

**Staffing impact if Vancouver was to staff at the subset staffing ratios.*

Benchmarking

VSB has significantly more space per student FTE than the Subset:

	Vancouver	Subset SDs	(Over)
Square Foot / Student	159	121	(37.83)

37.83 sqft means VSB has 30% more space per student than the Subset SDs

ABILITY TO PROCESS FURTHER REDUCTIONS

Severe
Direct
Impact to
Students

Ability to
Make
Reductions

High

Level 4 – Severe Impacts on Teaching and Learning

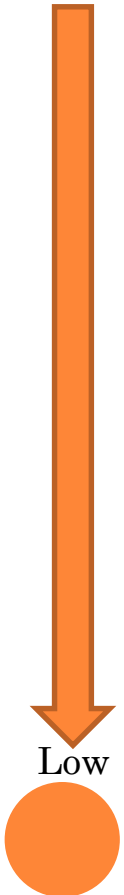
Level 3 – Impacts Large Numbers of Students

Level 2 – Some Impact on Students

Level 1 – Limited Direct Impact on Students

Less
Direct
Impact

Low



Potential Budget Proposals

Proposals have been revised since this presentation was made.

Please refer to the current list of budget proposals, listed on the VSB website at www.vsb.bc.ca.