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**RE: 2020 Budget Consultation**

Given the provincial government has projected its education budget will not increase in the near future, Rocky View Schools (RVS) will look to its communities to help adjust its operations to the new provincial fiscal reality through its 2020 Budget Consultation.

Two surveys are planned to be administered between February 10 and March 30. The first survey is being conducted prior to the provincial budget being tabled and will ask families and residents to help identify budget priorities, cost-saving measures and revenue-generating ideas. The second survey will launch after the provincial budget is announced and will look for stakeholders to provide input into how RVS will balance its budget to support students.

“In an environment of fiscal restraint and growing enrolments, we need to identify how we will continue to provide students with the world-class education system our families have come to expect of Rocky View Schools,” said Board Chair Fiona Gilbert. “We will continue to flow as many dollars directly to the classroom as possible; however, to ensure students continue to learn the skills and knowledge that they need to succeed, thrive and contribute to our growing economy, we will need to find new ways of doing things.”

According to Gilbert, the board values transparency, honesty and integrity. As such, moving forward RVS remains committed to keeping its communities informed and involved in developing a budget that continues to support the needs of all students.

A link to RVS’ first survey on budget priorities is accessible on its public website under 2020 Budget Consultation at <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/2020-budget-consultation/>

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