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School District 22 continues to grow

The Board of Education of School District 22 (Vernon) is pleased to announce approval of the School District's financial statements for 2021-2022 school year.

School District 22's revenue grew by 4% year on year, with total revenue of \$114.9 million compared with \$110.6 million in the 2020-2021 school year.

Additional revenue was used to offset inflationary increases and employ additional staff to support the School District 22's growing student population.

Last year, School District 22's enrolment increased by 185 students, or 2%, to 8,672 students. The school district employed about 542 full-time-equivalent teachers, an increase of 2% from 2020-2021, in line with the increase in the number of students.

"Early indications are that this growth trend will be sustained in the 2022-2023 school year," states Secretary-Treasurer, Adrian Johnson.

A report presented to the Board of Education showed that over the past five years enrolment has increased by 3.4%, while the number of teachers has increased by 10.6%.

School District 22 continues to experience much higher than usual sick leave. The cost of replacing absent staff exceeded budget by about \$700,000 last year.

The financial statements show School District 22 ended the 2021-2022 school year with a contingency reserve of \$1.2 million. The Board of Education also set aside \$1.4 million of operating reserves to balance the 2022- 2023 budget.

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