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School District 22 Public Budget Consultation

The public is invited to attend a presentation on the School District 22 Finances and Budget for the 2024-2025 school year. The presentation will take place at 5.30pm on Wednesday January 31, 2024, in the library at Clarence Fulton Secondary School, 2301 Fulton Road, Vernon. The budget includes over \$135 million of expenses to support the education of 9,000 students in the district.

The Superintendent, Dr. Christine Perkins, will commence the evening with an update on the district, a view toward the future, and how the vision aligns with the Board of Education's strategic goals. "We have a talented and dedicated team of educators and support staff who work hard to make a difference in the lives of our students every day. We also have a supportive and engaged community that values education and collaboration," states Perkins.

The financial overview will be delivered by the secretary treasurer, Adrian Johnson, who will explain the sources of revenue and the allocation of funds for various programs and services. "We are committed to ensuring that our budget reflects the needs and priorities of our students, staff and community," says Johnson.

The Board Chair Mark Olsen and other Trustees will attend the meeting to hear the budget feedback the public provides. "We are proud of the quality of education that we provide to our students, and we are always looking for ways to improve and innovate," states Olsen.

The presentation will be followed by a question, answer, and discussion session where the public can provide feedback on the budget. Budget documents are available on the district's website at www.sd22.bc.ca.

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