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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The RETSD Board of Trustees respects and values your thoughts and opinions, and we want to hear from you. We have launched an online survey to allow *you* to provide feedback regarding the upcoming budget.

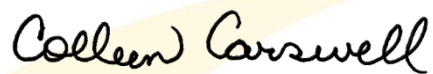
As you are aware, the last number of years have been financially difficult, and the Board of Trustees anticipates another potentially tough budgeting year. To gain your perspectives as we begin the process for the 2024–25 budget, the survey we have launched asks: ***When you think of our child(ren)'s education, what are your top education spending priorities?***

It is easy to take part! We are using ThoughtExchange, an interactive online platform. Just visit [this link](#). It will only take two minutes to share your thoughts. And your participation doesn't need to stop there. As more people take part, you can return to the link and see what they are saying. You can even comment on their thoughts, rate them, and see if others have commented on your contributions. It becomes an online community discussion.

In early 2024, we will be providing two online town halls regarding the budget—with “**save the dates**” **coming soon**—for members of the community to listen, learn, and ask the Board of Trustees and senior administration questions related to the budget.

Your ideas matter to us and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Thank you for your time,



Colleen Carswell
Board Chair

P.S. Here are some additional budget resources for you:

[Torch—2023 Budget Issue](#)

[Q&A and PowerPoint Presentation—Virtual Budget Information Evening—Jan. 31, 2023 \(retsd.mb.ca\)](#)

[Q&A and PowerPoint Presentation—Virtual Budget Information Evening—March 2, 2023 \(retsd.mb.ca\)](#)