Subject: 2023-24 Draft Budget Survey Public Questions
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To the St. James-Assiniboia School Board,

What is the total portion of the money going towards Software licensing?

Do you have any comments on how the information was presented?

- Why was the information presented behind locked doors of a public building and why was the public denied entry when requested to participate in the meeting in person contrary to Section 178(1)(b) of The Public School Act?

Are there educational programs which should be considered for inclusion in the Budget?

- Coding for Grades 1-12. Extracurricular and during class time.
- Dvorak typing.

If the Board needs to consider reductions in expenditures, what means would you prefer? (You may choose more than one option)

- Has the board considered Open Source Software to reduce license and operational costs. This would also reduce technical service calls and training for staff as open source is typically easier to operate and manage than licensed software.

Are there additional services for children which should be included in the Budget?

- Staff for the coding education.
- Overtime pay for teachers involved with extracurricular activities.

Have you consulted with Doctors about the effects (emotional, psychological, etc.) of creating a bathroom for children in an elementary school that is accessible to more than one sex?

I look forward to your reply.

Thank you.

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