



**School District No. 63  
(Saanich)**

**2010/11 Budget Guiding Principles**

The Saanich Board of Education will keep support for students at the forefront of its decisions. The Board will be guided in making difficult budget decisions by its values of Compassion, Honesty, Fairness, Respect and Responsibility and its beliefs that:

- Public education is fundamental to society and schools must prepare young people as citizens
- Public education is the responsibility of the whole community
- Healthy relationships are the foundation of a successful public education system

**The Board will continue to strongly advocate for funding from Government to retain the services that are so important to student success.** The Board will be guided by the following principles to determine the appropriate 2010/11 operating budget.

1. In considering budget reductions, if any, the Board will look first to budget areas that least impact the classroom and students.
2. Services for students with special needs will be supported in the most effective and cost efficient manner.
3. Services for First Nations students will be supported in the most effective, culturally appropriate and cost efficient manner.
4. Administrative overhead areas will be reviewed for possible reductions.
5. The Board will retain safe and healthy learning environments.
6. Early learning, community literacy, comprehensive school health and other new requirements will be provided to the degree that dedicated government grants and reserves are available.
7. Reserves, restricted or otherwise, will be considered for possible budget offsets.
8. The Board will respect the legislative commitment to free public education, paid for from general revenues, and will avoid imposing fees for learning experiences on parents or guardians.
9. Services will be reviewed to ensure support for sustainable, green operations including opportunities for cost recovery.
10. The Board will continue to comply with collective agreement provisions but review to ensure administrative and cost efficiency.
11. The Board will review the number, locations and use of facilities and the school calendar.
12. The Board will consider the impact of its budget decisions on the social and financial health of the community.
13. The Board will review the implementation and implications of budget reductions.