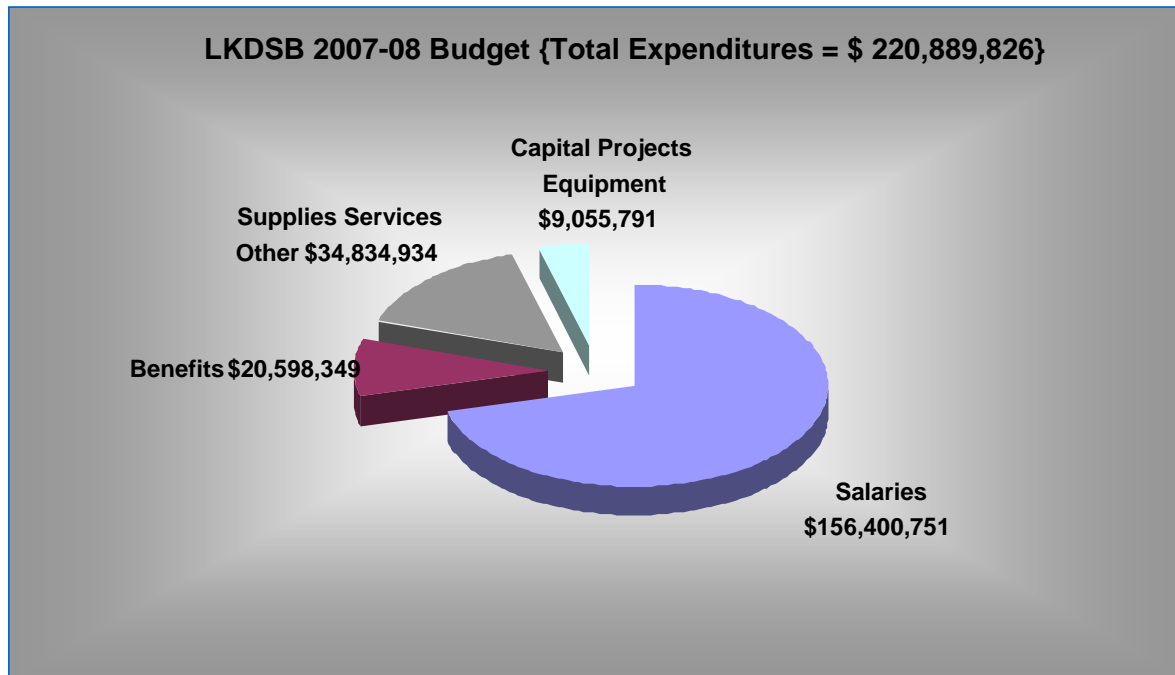


The Lambton Kent District School Board for the 2007-08 School Year budget provides resources in support of improving student achievement through additional investments in classroom instruction and learning materials. The enrolment determines a large portion of the Board's revenue from Education Funding Grants and budget pressures continue due to the declining enrolment in the Chatham-Kent and Lambton areas.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

The 2007-2008 school year budget for the Lambton Kent DSB totals **\$220.89 Million**.

The following chart summarizes all expenditures into the four major categories:



This is a balanced budget in compliance with Ministry enveloping requirements and Ministry class size regulations.

REVENUE BUDGET for 2007-08:

This revenue forecast is based on the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) education funding model, which determines the board's operating grants and school renewal grants provided by the Ministry of Education. There are four (4) major categories of grants to the GSN funding model, these are: Pupil Foundation Grant, School Foundation Grant, Special Purpose Grants and the Pupil Accommodation Grant.

Total revenues from the province are estimated at \$213.9 M. The budget estimates also include other sources of revenue in the amount of \$4.99 M. which is comprised of fees from our Native student population, Visa students and earned interest. Finally there is a one-time draw on reserves in the amount of \$1,963,721 to assist in funding the Board's proposed capital projects and to provide program supports for students through moderating the impact of declining enrolment.

EXPENDITURE BUDGET for 2007-08:

2007 – 08 BUDGET SUMMARY (MILLIONS)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES = \$ 220.89 M	
<u>Classroom Categories:</u>	
Classroom Teachers	\$ 124.9
Supply Teachers	3.19
Teacher Assistants	8.46
Textbooks & Classroom Supplies	7.17
Computers	1.50
Professionals & Paraprofessionals	4.16
Library & Guidance	4.01
Staff Development	0.87
Department Heads	0.39
<u>Non-Classroom Categories:</u>	
Principals, & Vice-principals	10.3
School Office	5.29
Consultants & Co-ordinators	2.20
Board Administration & Trustees	6.23
School Operations	23.07
Continuing Education	1.08
Transportation	11.01
School Renewal	5.03
Approved Debt	1.98

THE LAMBTON KENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD			
REVENUE FORECAST SUMMARY BY GRANT CATEGORY			
GRANT CATEGORY	2007/08 ESTIMATES	2006/07 BUDGET ESTIMATES	VARIANCE to 06-07 Grants
Operating Grants			
Pupil Foundation Grant - Elementary	55,930,200	55,901,664	28,536
Pupil Foundation Grant - Secondary (incl Credit Load up to 7.5)	47,062,283	46,297,875	764,408
School Foundation - Elementary	9,381,420	9,228,833	152,587
School Foundation - Secondary	5,582,041	5,498,535	83,506
Primary Class Size Allocation	4,336,645	3,174,849	1,161,796
Special Education	23,082,226	22,810,175	272,051
Language Grants - French as 2nd Language	2,755,495	2,721,467	34,028
Language Grants - ESL/ESD	550,225	453,895	96,330
Distant & Supported Schools (Learning Resources)	46,384	0	46,384
Remote and Rural	290,148	293,200	(3,052)
Continuing Education and Summer School	985,344	919,451	65,893
Teachers Qualifications & Experience	13,425,214	12,142,435	1,282,779
Transportation	10,977,728	10,855,367	122,361
Governance & Administration	5,857,172	5,841,614	15,558
Pupil Accommodation - School Operations	17,575,142	17,670,992	(95,850)
Learning Opportunities (LOG) - Base Amount	1,464,570	1,424,263	40,307
Literacy and Numeracy Assistance (LOG)	107,896	104,795	3,101
Student Success Assistance (LOG)	720,966	712,507	8,459
Program Enhancement	495,000		495,000
First Nation, Metis & Inuit Education (Pupils of the Board)	295,964	22,311	273,653
1. Sub-Total =	200,922,063	196,074,228	4,847,835
Flexibility Amount: Local Priorities - Foundation Allocation	0	0	0
Declining Enrolment Allocation	2,283,615	3,002,853	(719,238)
Top Up Allocation for School Operations	4,308,549	4,011,815	296,734
Community Use of Schools Compensation	270,576	270,576	0
2. Sub-Total =	6,862,740	7,285,244	(422,504)
Sub-Total OPERATING GRANTS (1 + 2) from Student Focused Funding Model =	207,784,803	203,359,472	4,425,331
School Facilities Renewal	2,775,182	2,851,388	(76,206)
Top Up Allocation for School Renewal including Rural	681,797	651,596	30,201
School Renewal Enhancement	713,570	713,570	0
Accommodations - Primary Class Size Reduction	109,306	199,478	(90,172)
Prior Capital Commitments	744,654	744,654	0
Financing Costs (\$13.9M Stage 1 & \$6.9M Stage 2 of the Good Places to Learn school facility projects)	1,126,339	500,000	626,339
3. Sub-Total (Renewal grants) =	6,150,848	5,660,687	490,161
Sub-Total ALL GRANT CATEGORIES from Student Focused Funding Model =	213,935,651	209,020,159	45
Other Revenue			
Tuition (based on 465 students (Native, Visa))	4,021,846	3,914,125	107,721
Misc other revenue	711,608	200,000	511,608
Best Start - Operating Rent	257,000	175,000	82,000
A. TOTAL MINISTRY + FEES REVENUE =	218,926,105	213,309,284	5,616,821
OTHER FUNDING SOURCES:			
Transfer in from Reserves - for Capital Projects	864,000		
Transfer in from Reserves - for Operating Expenditures	1,099,721	3,397,458	(2,297,737)
B. Sub-Total =	1,963,721	3,397,458	(1,433,737)
GRAND TOTAL A + B =	220,889,826	216,706,742	4,183,084

The funding changes for this new school year can be summarized into two classifications: financial support for new and expanding initiatives, and updating existing funding benchmarks.

A. Financial Support for both New and Expanding Initiatives:

- \$1.16 Million incremental increase for Primary class size reduction for Jk to Grade 3; this is the final step to fully implement the 20:1 cap in 2007-08.
- Elementary teachers preparation time funding increased to 190 minutes in the 2007-08 school year.
- Three new Grants: Program Enhancement (\$495,000), First Nations (\$295,964) and Geographic supported schools (\$0.0).
- \$500 Million Good Places to Learn Stage 3 Allocation for carrying out projects to repair school facilities under the ReCAPP asset management project plan. Board specific allocations to be provided by September 2007.
- 2% increase in fuel costs for Student transportation funding due to higher fuel prices. In addition Board's with declining enrolment will not see their transportation funding reduced. 1% increase for school utility costs.
- Community Use of Schools: Funding is provided in 2007-08 to continue the program to support and encourage community use of school facilities.

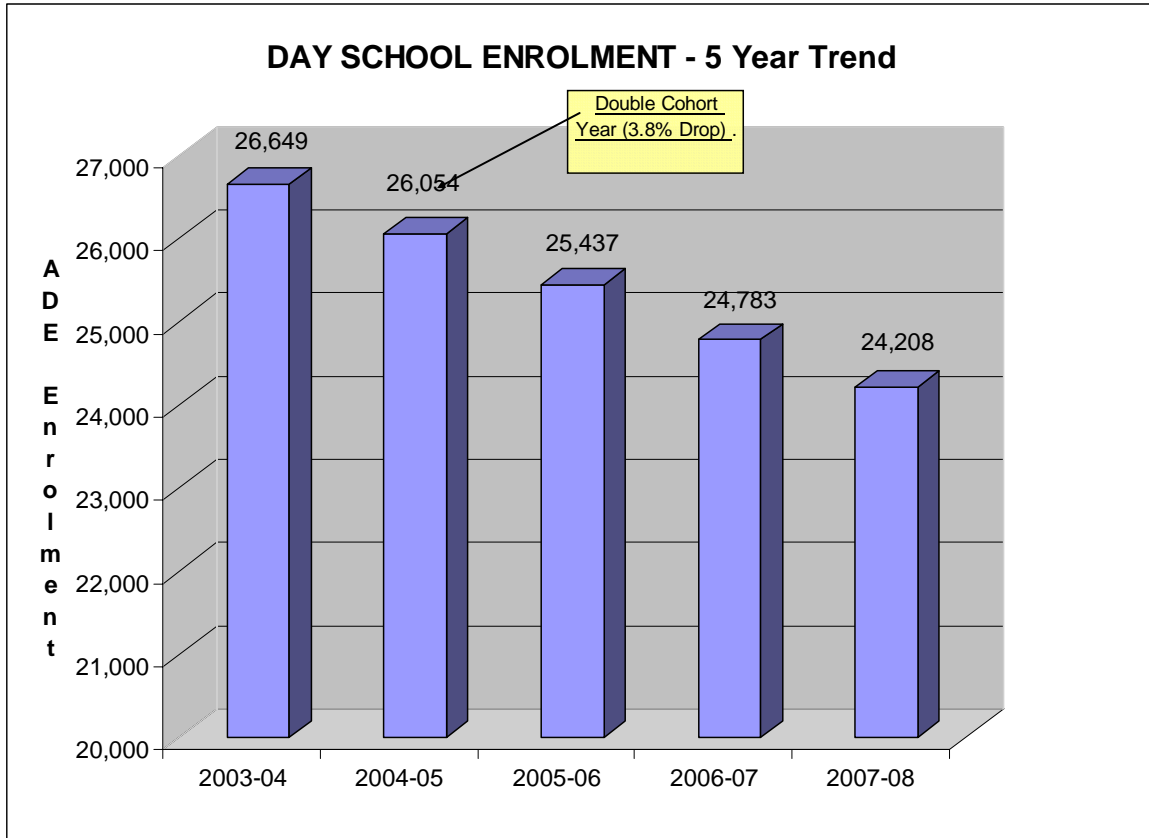
B. The Updating of Existing Funding Benchmarks:

- To support the labour framework agreement, salary benchmarks have been increased by 3.0%.

C. Funding Outside the Grants for Student Needs [GSN]

The government will support important initiatives in the following areas with additional funding:

- Literacy and Numeracy, Student Success, MISA, Parent Engagement, and others.



1. The Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) is the major factor used in the calculation of the Funding Allocations for all school boards.
2. The Ministry uses two count dates to determine the ADE, these will be on October 31, 2007 and March 31, 2008. JK & SK students will be counted as half-time.
3. Tuition Students: Provincial grants fund the education programs for students that are defined by the Ministry as pupils of the board. Other pupils attending LKDSB schools are charged tuition fees based on the grant allocations and Board approved rate adjustments.

Other Budget Remarks:

The education funding model (Grants for Student Needs) generates a school board's funding for the most part on a board's student enrolment. Our district continues to experience declining enrolment, which is projected to be about 575 fewer students for this upcoming school year.

While the funding model includes a declining enrolment grant to provide some time to make expenditure adjustments, the impact of our regions multi-year decline in school age children has resulted in the need to reduce operating costs. Therefore a total reduction of 38.7 full time equivalent (Fte) positions will occur in various non-teaching areas of the LKDSB operations. Total teaching complement is nearly unchanged at 1,487 Fte teachers. The overall total staff for the 2007-08 school year will be about 2,324 full time equivalent employees.

There are several capital building projects included in the budget designed to further enhance and upgrade many of the LKDSB school facilities. At this time the budget provides for \$9.3 Million dollars in facility projects, with further funding and building upgrades planned when the Ministry releases the Good Places to Learn Stage 3 funding this September 2007.