



REPORT TO:	Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee
	For Board Meetings: Public
TITLE OF REPORT:	2025-26 Budget - Review of Public Input Process and Communication Plan
PRESENTERS: <i>(list ONLY those attending the meeting)</i>	Cathy Lynd, Superintendent of Business and Treasurer Sandra Macey, Manager of Finance
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PRESENTED FOR:	Input/Advice
Recommendations: <i>(only required when presented for approval)</i>	N/A
Purpose: <i>(include context)</i>	To review the public input process and communication plan for the 2025-26 budget.
Content:	<p>In recent years, TVDSB has conducted public input surveys during the budget process to gather community feedback. However, administration is proposing not to conduct a budget survey in the new year. This decision is based on the significant community feedback already received on the Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) this year. Since the MYSP guides the budget, this feedback will be considered, making an additional budget survey unnecessary.</p> <p>Previous meetings have highlighted the desire for a community meeting. TVDSB administration recommends an online live public budget information session to explain the Board’s annual budget process and public consultation opportunities. This session will be recorded and posted on the budget section of the website.</p> <p>The public will be able to submit questions, some of which will be addressed during the presentation, with the rest answered in a posted budget ‘Q&A’. Colleagues at other boards have found this format well-received. The session date and time will be communicated to Principals to inform the school council and/or home and school association. We suggest holding this session in February/March.</p> <p>Details about public consultation opportunities at Board meetings will be provided. The preliminary budget presentation is scheduled for</p>

	<p>June 3rd, with public input on June 10th. There will also be an email address set up to receive input at budget@tvdsb.ca.</p> <p>Communication Plan: Attached is the draft communication plan.</p>
Connection to Committee Mandate:	2025-26 Budget Planning
Financial Implications:	N/A
Timeline:	N/A
Communications:	N/A
Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications Strategy – Budget 2025-26

Strategic Priority Areas:

Students, families, and staff are welcomed, respected, and valued as partners: Yes

Relationships: Promote and build connections to foster mutually respectful communication among students, families, staff and the broader community: Yes

Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships: Yes

Create opportunities for equitable access to programs and services for students: Yes

Equity and Diversity: Students and all partners feel heard, valued, and supported: Yes

Programs and services embrace the culture and diversity of students and all partners: Yes

Achievement and Well-Being: More students demonstrate growth and achieve student learning outcomes with a specific focus on numeracy and literacy: Yes

Staff will demonstrate excellence in instructional practices: Yes

Enhance the safety and well-being of students and staff: Yes

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