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Safe Return to Class Fund Spending Plan Approved

- On August 26, 2020, the Government of Canada announced \$2 billion dollars in funding to support schools to cover additional costs for COVID-related measures. From this fund, \$9,285,850 is being directed from the Government of Alberta to Rocky View Schools (RVS).
- Trustees approved the jurisdiction's spending plan as follows
 - \$2.8 million in additional teacher staffing to support online offerings and address class pressures now and in February 2021 (the one-time transition point between alternative learning approaches);
 - \$2 million directly to schools for the principal, in consultation with their school community, to decide how to best address local issues related to COVID-19 (ex. social-emotional learning supports, supervision, breakfast/lunch programs, staffing and class pressures, sound amplification systems, reading materials and manipulatives);
 - \$2 million for additional substitute teachers resulting from COVID-19 related absences;
 - \$1 million for centrally funded personal PPE and sanitizer;
 - \$900K to maintain bus routes (that could be combined) to minimize the number of riders on the bus;
 - \$400K for additional online curriculum resources, technical support and equipment to better support those working from home; and
 - \$200K for Education Centre staff to support schools and departments with additional hiring needs as a result of COVID-19 and to help schools with confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- These federal funds will supplement the \$2 million the Board already committed from reserves to increase caretaking staffing in all schools/sites and \$1.4 million of 2019/2020 operating funds dedicated towards COVID-19-related health and safety expenditures.

September 30 Enrolment Summary

- As of Sept. 30, 2020, RVS had a total enrolment count of 25,289 students, a decrease of 348 students (-1.36%) from the previous school year.
- The Sept. 30 enrolment count includes:
 - 21,264 in-class students;
 - 3,074 online students;
 - 629 Community Learning Centre (CLC) students, of which 307 are homeschooled and 322 Gr. 9-12 are in outreach or other CLC options.

Trustees Approve Utility Right of Way

- To support the improvement of lighting around Bert Church High School, the Board approved a utility right of way, which will allow Fortis to place a transformer box on school land.