2026-2027 Budget Report

Executive Summary – 2026-2027 Estimates

The Near North District School Board has approved a budget for the 2026-2027 school year, with an annual operating deficit of ($1,591,045) and a deficit for compliance purposes of ($1,195,677), with revenue of $195.7 million and expenses of $197.3 million.

Near North DSB 2026-27 Budget	
2025-26 Revised Estimates Compliance Deficit	-4,589,313
2026-27 Preliminary Compliance Deficit	-1,665,380
Supervisor savings for 2026-27	469,703
2026-27 Final Compliance Deficit	**-1,195,677**

Supervisor Savings Measures 2026-27	
Centralize resource library (consolidate two locations)	128,305
Strategic allocation of school-based budgets (photocopying, supplies, computer hardware and other operating budgets)	175,500
OPSBA membership	40,000
Adjust enrolment projection (revised enrolment projection for language staffing and supports allocation to align with current trends)	53,658
Other adjustments to revenues and expenditures (identified further operating efficiencies, including adoption of sustainable practices and reduction of fees)	72,240
Total Supervisor Savings Measures	**469,703**

Items of note:

- The 2026-2027 Estimates reflect a decrease from the 2025-2026 Revised Estimates operating deficit of $3,462,231, or 68.5% improvement;
- Projected all pupils of the board enrolment increased by 0.84% from 2025-2026 Revised Estimates;
- Budgeted revenues have increased approximately 1.7%, and expenditures have decreased approximately 0.1% from 2025-2026 Revised Estimates;
- 70% of the expenditures are comprised of salaries and benefits;
- Projected staffing full-time equivalent (FTE) has decreased by 27.4 FTE
  - A projected increase in kindergarten enrolment resulted in five additional Early Childhood Educator positions;
  - Teaching FTE was reduced by approximately 22 FTE, due to updated staffing formulas to align with funded staffing and fewer classrooms, alongside school consolidations, with reductions offset by attrition;
  - There is a reduction in facility staffing of 3.0 FTE due to the consolidation of schools in 2026-27;
- The special education budget reflects a deficit of approximately $1.07 million;
- The transportation deficit is $1.64 million, an improvement from a budgeted deficit of $2.18 million in 2025-26 Revised Estimates;

Compliance Calculations:

Balanced In-Year Position Requirement

- The board's projected 2026-2027 Estimates in-year deficit for compliance purposes of ($1,195,677) is lower than the allowable limit of 1% of operating allocation ($1,690,620), so the board is compliant.

School Board Administration Expense compliance

- The board's School Board Administration Expense Limit is $8,854,000;
- The board's total adjusted Administration Operating Expenses amount is $5,972,209, which is lower than the Expense Limit, therefore the board is compliant.

Facilities and Transportation Expense compliance

- The board's Facilities and Transportation Limit is $37,644,344;
- The board's adjusted Facilities and Transportation Gross Expenses amount is $34,612,302, which is lower than the Facilities and Transportation Limit by $3,032,042, therefore the board is compliant.

Near North DSB Enrolment - ADE			
	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Rev Est	Change from 2025-2026 Rev Est
Elementary			
JK/SK	1,113.00	1,063.00	50.00
Gr. 1 - 3	1,854.00	1,971.00	-117.00
Gr. 4 - 8	3,509.00	3,438.00	71.00
Indigenous Students	124.00	131.00	-7.00
Visa Students			0.00
Total Elementary	6,600.00	6,603.00	-3.00
Secondary			
Pupils of the Board	2,945.00	2,845.40	99.60
Indigenous Students	56.00	54.00	2.00
Visa Students	0.00	19.00	-19.00
Total Secondary	3,001.00	2,918.40	82.60
Total Enrolment	**9,601.00**	**9,521.40**	**79.60**
Pupils of the board	**9,421.00**	**9,317.40**	**103.60**

2026-2027 Staffing (FTE)			
	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Revised Estimates	FTE Change from 2025-2026 Rev Est
Classroom & Support Staff			
Teaching	628.40	662.90	-34.50
Para-professionals	85.50	85.50	0.00
Educational Assistants	178.00	179.00	-1.00
Early Childhood Educators	44.00	39.00	5.00
Library & Guidance	26.50	30.00	-3.50
Co-ordinators & Consultants	33.40	22.00	11.40
Total Classroom Staff	**995.80**	**1,018.40**	**-22.60**
Support Staff			
School Administration	92.40	93.90	-1.50
Board Administration	36.00	36.30	-0.30
Facility Services	112.80	115.80	-3.00
Other Support Staff	3.00	3.00	0.00
Total Support Staff	**244.20**	**249.00**	**-4.80**
Total NNDSB Staff	**1,240.00**	**1,267.40**	**-27.40**

Near North DSB 2026-2027 Budget Summary				
	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Revised Estimates	$ Change from 2025-2026 Rev Est	Notes
Revenues				
Provincial legislative grants	**171,215,379**	**165,636,339**	5,579,040	**1**
Provincial grants - other	**506,099**	**2,249,159**	-1,743,060	**2**
Federal grants and fees	**2,697,236**	**2,816,660**	-119,424	**3**
Other fees and revenues	**247,500**	**885,696**	-638,196	**4**
Other revenues - school boards	**725,000**	**789,979**	-64,979	
Investment Income	**100,000**	**150,000**	-50,000	**5**
School generated funds	**3,508,450**	**3,205,800**	302,650	**6**
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	**16,743,351**	**16,708,268**	35,083	
Total Revenue	**195,743,015**	**192,441,901**	3,301,114	
Expenses				
Instruction	**135,174,120**	**135,424,114**	-249,994	**7**
Administration	**6,041,979**	**5,864,302**	177,677	**8**
Student transportation	**17,635,537**	**17,327,303**	308,234	**9**
Pupil accommodation	**34,580,772**	**35,052,756**	-471,984	**10**
Other	**393,202**	**569,702**	-176,500	**11**
School generated funds	**3,508,450**	**3,257,000**	251,450	**12**
Total Expenses	**197,334,060**	**197,495,177**	-161,117	
Annual Operating Deficit	**-1,591,045**	**-5,053,276**	3,462,231	
Annual Compliance Deficit	**-1,195,677**	**-4,589,313**	-3,462,231	

Notes for Budget Summary:

Revenue

1. The board is projecting an enrolment increase of 103.60 pupils of the board (students funded by the Ministry) as compared to 2025-2026 Revised Estimates, which resulted in an increase to all enrolment-based allocations. The Ministry added new allocations for consistent curriculum resources of $277,000 and enhanced classroom supplies amount of $181,000; created a new Targeted Learning allocation, which reallocated previous REP grants of approximately $1.15 million; and, reallocated several other REP grants into existing allocations in the Core Ed funding formula.
2. As a significant amount of the previous REP funding was moved into the Core Ed funding formula, and no other REP grants have been announced to date, the board is currently only budgeting for known funding from other Ministries.
3. A small decrease in enrolment has been projected.
4. The board is currently conservatively projecting international student enrolment, resulting in a decrease of tuition fees by $323,000, and projected miscellaneous revenue sources such as rebates, administrative fees and other miscellaneous revenues are budgeted to decrease by $380,000.
5. In order to be conservative, investment income is projected to decrease.
6. The 2026-2027 school-generated funds revenue projection is based on current year revenues and matched in expenses.

Expenses

7. There were several changes in the area of Instruction expenditures:
    a. Teaching FTE was decreased by approximately 22.0 FTE across panels, as staffing formulas were adjusted in line with funded class sizes and teaching FTE.
    b. Supply staff costs were increased to reflect historical costs.
    c. Early Childhood Educator FTE was increased by 5.0 FTE to reflect increased projected kindergarten enrolment.
    d. Textbooks and supplies budgets were increased due to new or enhanced Core Ed funding.
    e. Principal and Vice-Principal grids have incremented, resulting in additional salary/benefit costs, although there was also the reduction of two administrator positions.
    f. School Office costs were reduced as there was a small reduction of school secretary FTE in line with funded FTE, and office supply budgets were reduced.
8. The Board Administration expenditure envelope reflects an increase in projected contractual fees which will be offset by the elimination of some one-time 2025-26 costs, and restructuring of FTE.
9. Student Transportation costs increased as a result of operator rate increases.
10. School operations costs were reduced as the consolidation to the new building in Parry Sound will result in the elimination of 3.0 custodial FTE and reduced facilities costs, and overall facility budgets were reviewed and areas for reduction identified.

11. Budgeted expenditures in the "Other" category have been reduced as the enrolment for international students was conservatively projected, so agency fees have been reduced.

12. The projection of School Generated Funds in 2026-2027 is based on current year expenses, and matched by projected revenues.

Operating Expenses (by Category)				
	2026-2027 Budget	2025-2026 Revised Estimates	$ Change from 2025-2026 Rev Est	Notes
Expense Category				
Salaries & Benefits	**138,540,921**	**140,568,091**	-2,027,170	**1**
Staff Development	**617,646**	**627,547**	-9,901	
Supplies & Services	**15,052,093**	**14,899,989**	152,104	**2**
Interest on Debt	**1,321,381**	**1,433,747**	-112,366	**3**
Rental Expenses	**206,050**	**153,300**	52,750	
Fees & Contractual Services	**23,885,332**	**22,130,234**	1,755,098	**4**
Other Expenses	**480,621**	**429,702**	50,919	
Amortization/ARO Amortization	**17,230,016**	**17,252,567**	-22,551	
Total Expenses by Category	**197,334,060**	**197,495,177**	**-161,117**	

Notes for Operating Expenses by Category:

1. Salaries and Benefits are 70.2% of expenditures. The reduction of staffing FTE resulted in a decrease in total expenditures of approximately $2.0 million.

2. School Generated Funds expenditures are included in the Supplies and Services category, which is $3,508,450, 23.3% of the total (2025-26 Revised Estimates - $3,257,000, 21.9% of the total). As the projected expense for School Generated Funds increased by $251,450, the remaining amount of Supplies and Services decreased by $99,346. Reductions in budgeted board administration, school office and facilities expenditures of $1.0 million were offset by an overall increase of approximately $900,000 in budgeted textbooks and supplies expenditures as a result of the enhanced instructional supplies allocation, and other allocation changes.

3. Interest on Debt is related to interest on debentures, and there is a declining balance, requiring lower payments each year.

4. Transportation costs are 73.8% of the budget for Fees and Contractual Services. Transportation expenditures are budgeted to increase $308,000 from 2052-26 Revised Estimates, with the remaining Fees and Contractual Services budget increasing due to an increase in facilities contracted services, board administration costs, and increased budgets in instructional areas in response to allocation changes.