

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Budget Priorities | 2021/2022

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board defines a priority as “initiatives and/or programs to which the board is committed to and would direct funds to if financially possible.” The following is a list of priorities that HWDSB is committed to for 2021/2022:

Definition		Resources
<p>Special Education</p> <p><i>Positive Culture & Well-Being</i></p> <p><i>Student Learning and Achievement</i></p>	<p>At HWDSB, we want to ensure that all of our students are learning. In consultation with families, our team of caring and dedicated professionals provide a continuum of special education supports and services for exceptional learners. Where possible, we feel that all learning needs should be addressed in a student’s home school. Our opportunities include regular class placement and support, as well as special class placement and support. Our Special Education Plan details how the resources allocated for special education are used to meet the needs of all exceptional students of the board.</p>	<p><u>Special Education Supports</u></p> <p><u>Special Education Plan</u></p>
<p>Mental Health and Well-Being</p> <p><i>Positive Culture & Well-Being</i></p>	<p>Mental health affects us all – and has real impacts on our lives. At HWDSB, we are committed to supporting the mental health and well-being of all students and staff. We embrace Public Health Canada’s definition of positive mental health as:</p> <p><i>“the capacity of each and all of us to feel, think, and act in ways that enhance our ability to enjoy life and deal with the challenges we face. It is a positive sense of emotional and social well-being that respects the importance of culture, equity, social justice, interconnections and personal dignity.”</i></p>	<p><u>Mental Health and Well Being</u></p> <p><u>Positive Culture & Well-Being Report</u></p>

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<p>Improving Student Achievement</p> <p><i>Student Learning and Achievement</i></p>	<p>Our goal at HWDSB is to improve student learning and achievement through effective instructional strategies. These strategies include additional classroom resources, focused professional learning for educators and the establishment and continuation of key roles such as Reading Specialists and Math Facilitators who work directly with staff and students to respond to the learning needs of our students in these area of focus.</p> <p>Our three main areas of focus continue to be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading - At least 75 per cent of Grade 1 students achieving a B- or above on their June report card. • Mathematics – Narrowing the gap between HWDSB and the province for those students performing at or above the provincial standard on the junior (Grade 6) EQAO. • Graduation – Continue to increase the percentage of students who graduate within five years. 	<p>Student Learning & Achievement Report</p> <p>HWDSB Annual Plan 2019-20</p>

<p>21st Century Learning</p> <p><i>Student Learning and Achievement</i></p>	<p>Our vision is that HWDSB graduates acquire the competencies and digital skills needed to successfully pursue a post-secondary pathway (apprenticeship, college, community, university, or the workplace) and find success in an ever-changing economy and society. Students will begin to develop 21st century competencies and digital skills from the first day of kindergarten through to secondary school graduation. To accomplish this, educators will provide students with developmentally appropriate learning experiences in virtual and physical environments from kindergarten to grade 12 that intentionally fosters 21st century competencies and digital skills.</p>	<p><u>HWDSB 21st Century Learning Strategy</u></p> <p><u>21st Century Learning Report</u></p>
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<p>School Revitalization</p> <p><i>School Renewal</i></p>	<p>Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board continuously strives to improve and maintain the best quality and conditions of its school facilities to support the learning environment for students and staff, and for the use of schools by the greater community. Our Capital Plan has mapped out how to get there over an eight-year period. This will provide students with improved learning environments to support student engagement in their learning, leading to improved student outcomes.</p>	<p><u>School Construction</u></p> <p><u>School Renewal Report</u></p>	