

**Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE)**  
**Key Budget Messages 2023-2024**

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education is committed to ensuring that a high quality, culturally and linguistically responsive, and equitable education system is in place to support the well-being and achievement of every student.

Our 2023-24 budget\* includes both new and continued investments to meet this goal.

Some highlights:

***HRCE continues to grow!***

- The budget includes infrastructure expansion to accommodate our growing population.
- In September 2023, the new West Bedford School (Pre-Primary to Grade 8) and West Bedford High School (Grades 9 -12) will welcome students and staff.
- Additional investment in our school-based workforce to accommodate our projected enrolment growth. This includes:
  - 78.6 classroom teachers
  - 30 additional EPAs
  - 12.0 Resource/Learning Centre Teachers
  - 11 Math and Literacy Specialists
  - 8 School Counsellors
  - 2 Speech Language Pathologists
  - 2 School Psychologists
  - 6.5 School Administrative Positions
- Increased support for newcomer growth, including 14 new English as an Additional Language positions.
- The budget ensures that all schools have access to SchoolsPlus. This program helps students and families make connections to support services such as social work, justice, mental health and recreation services.

To view the HRCE budget in detail, visit the Financial Services section of the HRCE website at:

<https://www.hrce.ca/about-hrce/financial-services> .

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*\* The development of our 2023-24 budget began in the Fall of 2022. Budget assumptions are based on projected information. We continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 and are forecasting the financial impact to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The HRCE forecast information continues to be part of the Province of Nova Scotia quarterly updates.*