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Board of Education Approves Balanced Budget

Port Alberni, BC June 25, 2025 – The Pacific Rim School District’s Board of Education is pleased to announce the approval of a balanced budget for the 2025/2026 school year. This budget has been achieved without cutting any programs, reflecting the Board’s strong commitment to student success, responsible financial stewardship, and long-term stability across the district.

This year’s budget ensures that resources are strategically placed to support student learning, enhance well-being, and reduce barriers to success. Every student matters and this budget upholds the Board’s vision of equitable access to quality education in every school and classroom.

“We are proud to have passed a budget that protects all existing programs while ensuring our resources directly support students,” said Pam Craig, Chair of the Board of Education. “Our students are at the heart of every decision we make, and this budget reflects that priority.”

The Board also recognizes the essential role of district staff in delivering student supports and educational services. By maintaining program funding, this budget helps provide stability for those who serve both in classrooms and across school communities every day.

The Board extends its sincere thanks to Secretary Treasurer Barbara Ross for her exceptional leadership throughout this process. Her careful planning and deep understanding of the district’s financial landscape were instrumental in delivering a sustainable and student-focused plan, that aligns with the Board’s Strategic Plan.

“We set out to build a budget that reflects our priorities and values, and we’ve done that,” said Secretary Treasurer Ross. “This plan positions us to continue delivering quality education while maintaining stability and confidence in the year ahead.”

The Board will continue to monitor and manage district finances with transparency and care, ensuring that the decisions made today set a strong foundation for tomorrow.

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About Pacific Rim School District

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