PRINCIPLES OF BUDGETING FOR 2009-10

- Enhance or maintain the quality of core educational programs and services.
- Meet statutory and collective agreement requirements.
- Cost pressures due to current obligations will be recognized in the budget process and base budgets realigned.
- Participate in a consultative budgeting process that includes our partner groups and SPC's.
- Promote fair treatment of all employees.
- Provide for revenue opportunities and innovation.
- Link budgeting with School and District Goals.

ASSUMPTIONS FOR 2009-10 BUDGETING

- That due to uncertainty around the release of the enrolment reserve in the past three years, that in planning for the 2009-10 fiscal year ~~that no more than 25% of the enrolment reserve be recognized as potential revenue.~~ none of the enrolment reserve funding will be recognized.
- ~~That any enrolment reserve will be provided by the MOE in two or three allocations during the fiscal year.~~
- New educational mandates may be announced by the Province. ie Full Day Kindergarten.

  Ecomomic uncertainty could result in less money: not all educational mandates being funded.
- Cost pressures will materialize during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

CRITERIA FOR 2009-10 BUDGETING

- Optimize services to students.
- Optimize staffing for the purposes of the provision of services to students.
- Result in a system that is manageable.
- Clearly support School and District Goals.