

Dear Arbutus Parents,

It is budget time of year again. We sent a message a couple of weeks ago, but wanted to send this out one more time before spring break to make sure you know what is going on and what opportunities you have to provide your input. Most of the information will have to be shared via our Facebook group as that is our primary opportunity to communicate.

Many essential student services are being proposed as cuts, similar to last year. This could mean the potential reduction or loss of:

- French immersion classes
- Elementary Strings and Ukelele
- Middle School Band and Strings
- Clerical staff
- Vice-Principal time
- Counsellors to Community Link
- Youth & Family Workers
- Reading Recovery Support
- Career Centre Coordinators

Further information can be found [here](#). Concerned community members are invited to **demonstrate in support** of program and staff cuts they are concerned about on **Monday April 4th at 4pm**. See the poster with details attached at the end of this letter. .

Here are some ways for you to get involved, stay informed and/or voice your concerns in the month ahead:

- The March 10th presentation of these options and supporting documentation is posted on the [district website](#). Feedback is invited through written submissions to [community@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:community@sd61.bc.ca) until April 1, 2022. The meeting to pass the budget will be April 7th.
- Join the April 4th demonstration
- Join the Save [SD61 Music Programs Facebook Group](#)

We will do our best to keep you up to date on issues as they emerge via the [Arbutus Global Middle School Parent Portal](#) on Facebook. Please consider joining to stay connected. You can also send questions or let us know your thoughts by emailing [agms.pac@gmail.com](mailto:agms.pac@gmail.com).

# ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Our students deserve  
better.

Elementary Strings  
Middle School Music  
Island Ukulele

Raise your voice against these  
proposed budget cuts!

**Come join us !**  
**Monday, April 4th, 2022**  
**@ 4 p.m.**

Greater Victoria School Board Office  
556 Boleskine Rd, Victoria, B.C.



**School Counsellors**



# AND MORE...

