

## **PRESS RELEASE**

At its regular board meeting of Thursday, December 13, 2012, the KDSB Board of Directors adopted the following motions:

- Approved the 2013 Budget. The budget has a year over year regional property tax levy increase of \$171,086 or 1.1%. The approved budget was a change from the Committee of the Whole recommended budget incorporating a correction for renewal and capital asset financing and the net budget costs resulting from recommendations adopted from the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Review.
- The levy increase in individual municipalities will vary from a 3.96% reduction in the Township of Ignace to a 9.33% increase in the Township of Red Lake. These variable impacts are driven by individual municipal assessment totals and the 2012 MPAC re-assessment impact.
- Approved a 1.5% salary increase for non-union employees.
- Adopted some recommendations from the comprehensive EMS Review. Specifically, the board approved the addition 4.0 FTE Paramedic positions for the Kenora base and 1.0 FTE Paramedic position in Sioux Lookout. The staffing is a response to the number of EMS calls (approximately 3,500 calls in each of those communities) and the categories of those calls, primarily transfers and emergent.
- Approved a contract with the Province of Ontario for participation in the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). The CHPI is a consolidated replacement program for five pre-existing funding programs for homelessness prevention. In 2013, the KDSB will distribute approximately \$696,000. In 2012, the KDSB received \$808,000 from the pre-existing programs.

Phil Vinet; Chair, KDSB; Mayor,  
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