

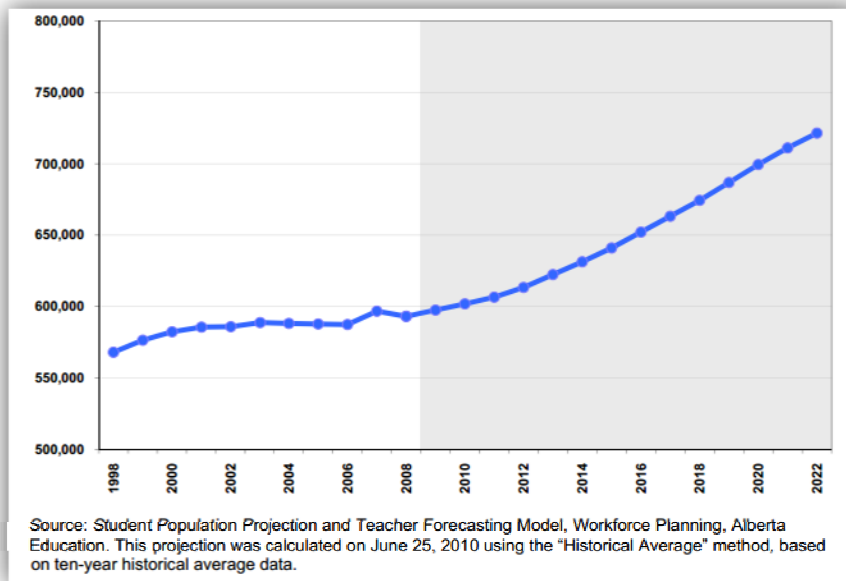
Facts on Growing Schools and Decreasing Funding

The Kids: There will be more students in our school system

"Alberta's age 4 to 18 population is projected to increase by nearly 98,000 in the next 10 years, from just over 600,000 in 2010 to almost 700,000 in 2020." -Government of Alberta, May 24, 2011.

Alberta Education's own projections show that student populations show no sign of slowing down. And yet this forward momentum is not met with increased funding.

Alberta Student-Aged Population Projection



The Cuts: Students face \$14.5 million in education cuts

Alberta's 2013 provincial budget will see \$14.5 million cut from school board budgets.

As verified by the Alberta Teacher's Association, these cuts include loss of funding to:

- Plant Operations & Maintenance
- Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal
- Transportation – Fuel Price Contingency
- English as a Second Language Supports
- School board administration
- Work Experience courses
- Special Project courses
- Distance learning
- Alberta Initiative for School Improvement
- Small schools by Necessity
- Learning Resources

Source: Alberta Teacher's Association Budget Tracker <<http://www.teachers.ab.ca/News%20Room/WebExtras/Pages/School-Board-Budget-Tracker.aspx>>