

# FREE REFORMED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

My heart I offer to You Lord - promptly and sincerely

# FRSA 2020-2040

### Overview

- Growth
  - Blessing from the Lord over many years
  - Celebrated
  - Thankfulness for a high quality and cost effective education

- Growth
  - Review of operations
  - "growing pains" or challenges

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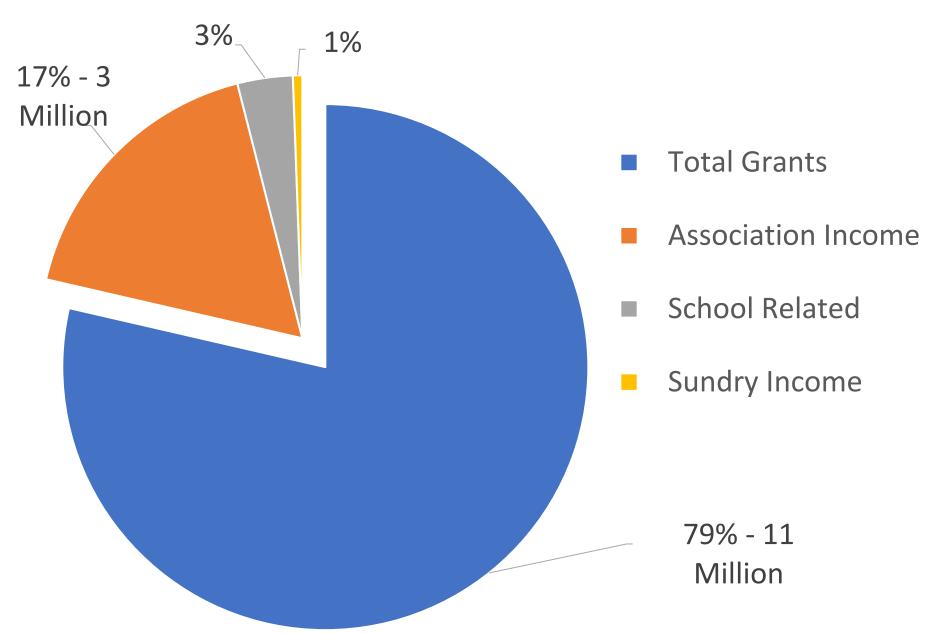
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  - The short term challenge (next 5 years)
  - The medium to long term challenge (beyond 5 years)

# The immediate challenge

- Two key components
  - External
  - Internal

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  - World we live in dependence on Government funding
- Internal
  - Campus configuration and budget structural inefficiencies

#### Income 2019



### Questions

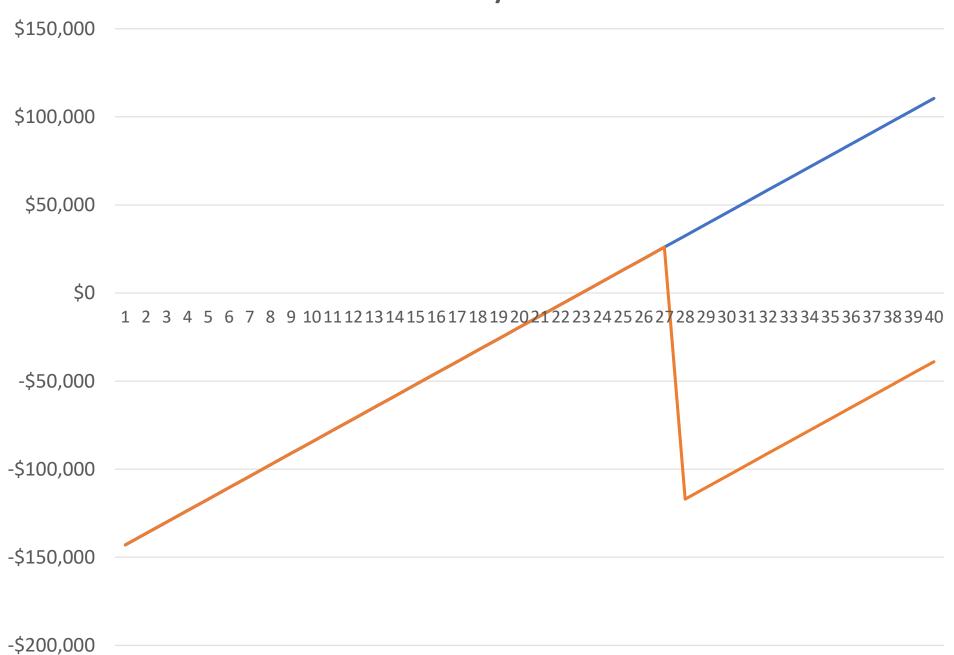
- Should we reduce our reliance on Government funding?
- What is an appropriate percentage split between Govt and Private?
- Should we establish a FRSA "Future Fund" to insulate against potential future reductions in Govt funding?
- Should the FRSA budget actively save for future expenses?
- What is the most appropriate way to raise additional funds from the Association?

### The immediate challenge (internal)

 In our current growth phase – the FRSA is experiencing declining efficiency

- Recent average (prior to 2018) was direct teaching cost = 65% of total budget
- In 2019 this grew to 68% of total budget
- The 2020 draft budget suggests a further increase in this %.

#### **Economics of Primary School Class Sizes**



# An Example

	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
Students	23	25	32	27	20	21	27	21
Classes	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

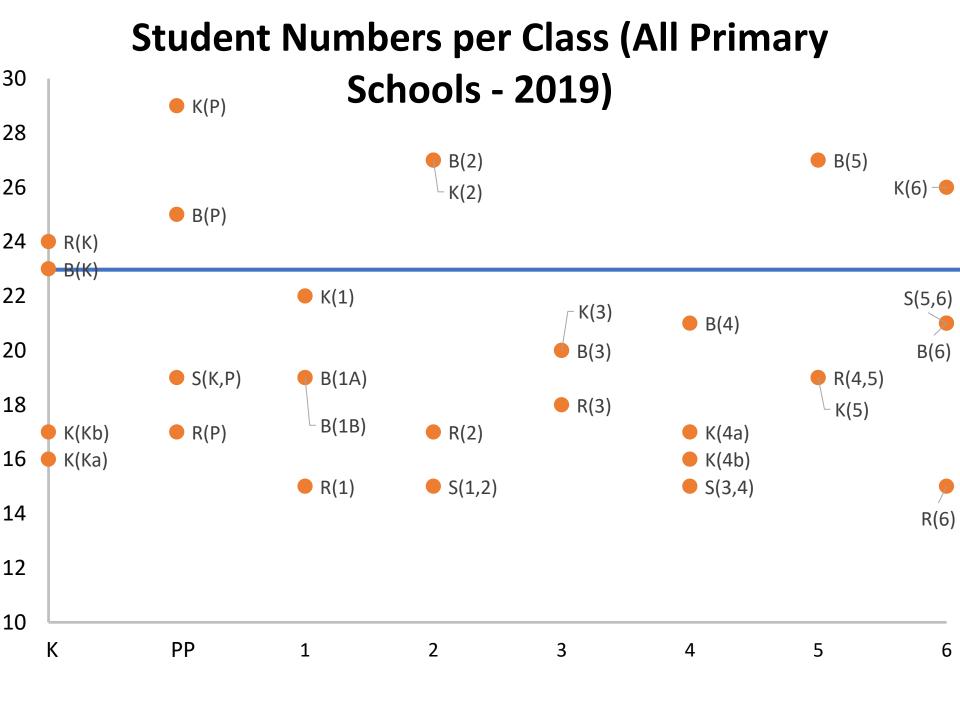
### An Example

October 2018 – Expected student Numbers per Grade

	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
School A	23	25	32	27	20	21	27	21

8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

	K	PP	1	2	3	4	5	6
School A	23	26	38	28	20	23	28	22



### The immediate challenge (internal)

- The current model (primary schools) is structurally inefficient.
  - Duplication of facilities
  - Duplication of leadership and support positions
  - Limited opportunities to create efficiency in the ratio of Students to Teachers

 The current model is appreciated and valued by the members.

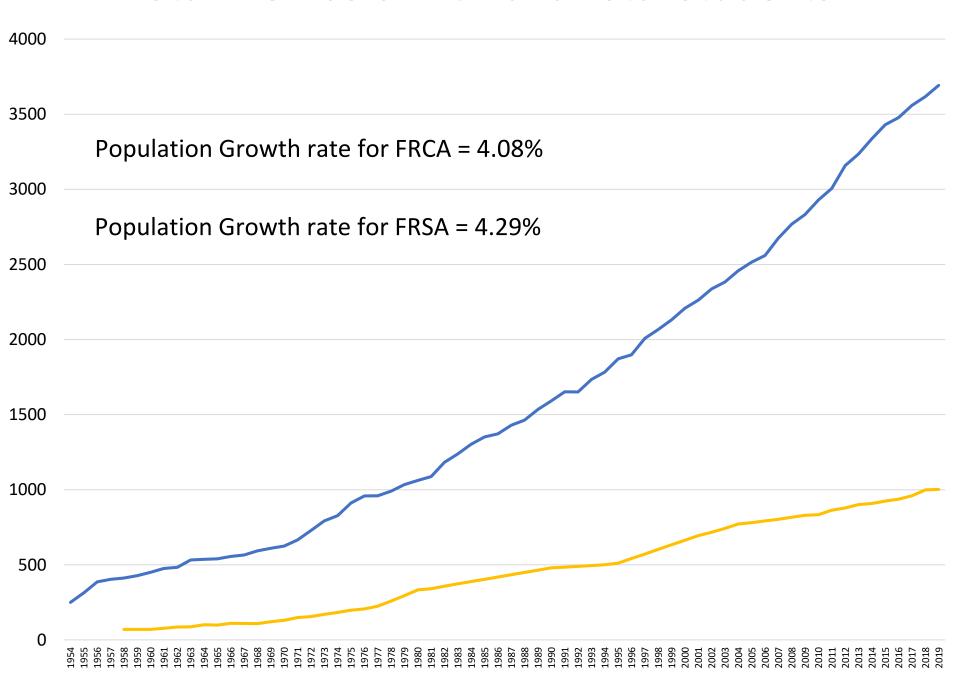
### Summary

- Expectation has been established as follows
  - Small class sizes (low/mid 20's)
  - Strong preference for single grade classes
  - Quality infrastructure
  - Growing expectation of additional support (student and teaching)
  - Small schools with overt connection between a small group of churches and "their local school"
  - FRSA is very flexible responds positively to 'all' parental demands

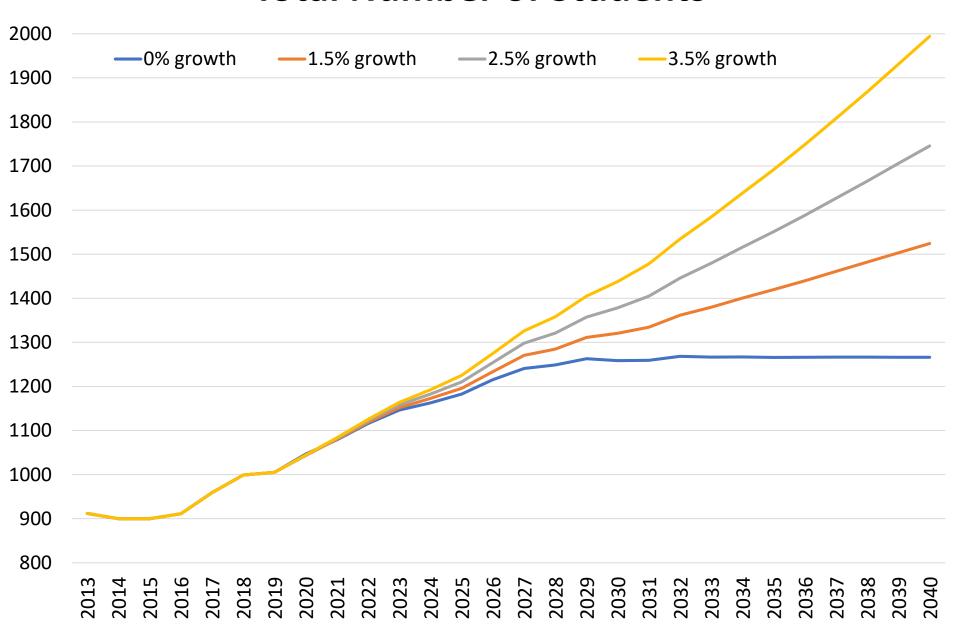
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#### **Total Members FRCA and Total Students**



#### **Total Number of Students**



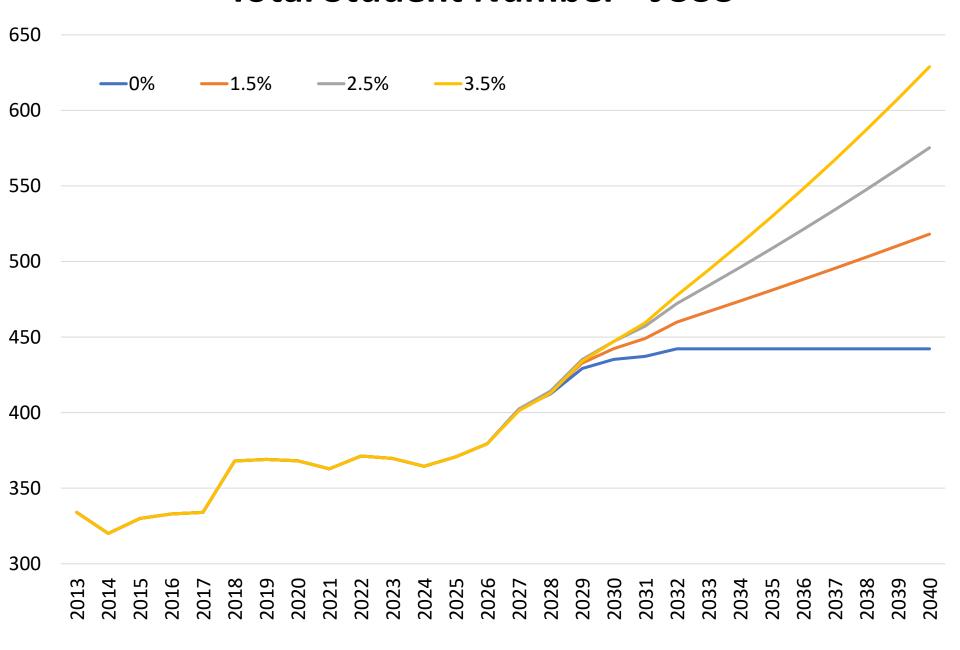
### Impact by Campus 2020-2025 (NO JCCC)

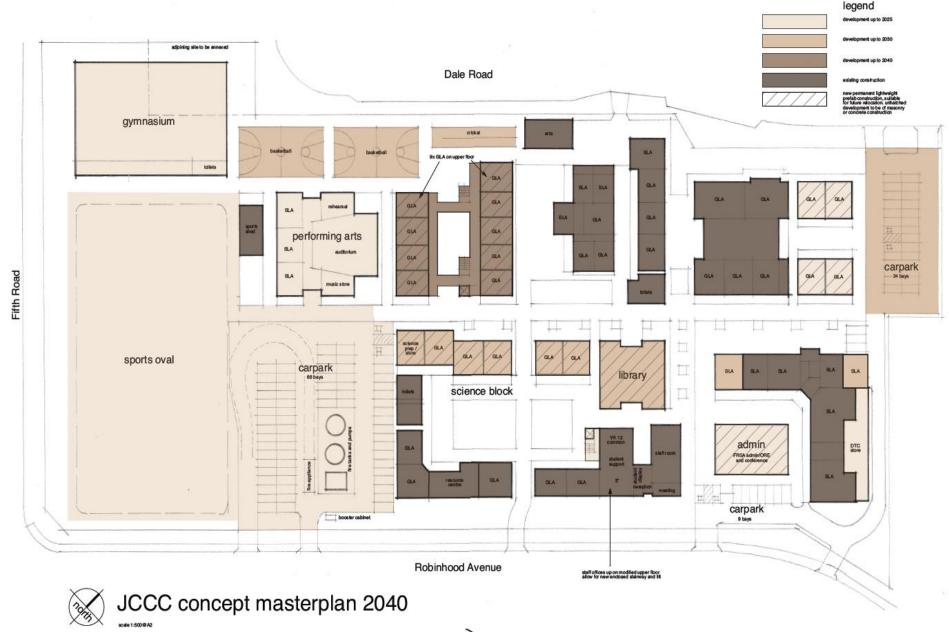
	Stud	ents	Sta	aff	Facilities (\$)
	2020	2025	2020	2025	
BJCS	227	288	18.9	24.2	875K
KJCS	215	280	17.9	23.6	525K
RJCS	133	191	11.4	16.6	450K
SWJCC	101	96	10.6	10.2	450K
Total	676	855	58.8	74.6	2.3 Million

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#### **Total Student Number - JCCC**





### John Calvin Christian College

	2020	2025	2030	2040
Students	368	371	447	629
Staff (FTE)	36.5	36.9	44.6	62.5
Facilities (\$)	600K	8.7M	19M	24M

### John Calvin Christian College

- Armadale site is constrained in terms of land
- Can stay with 700 students but with significant compromises
  - Substantial reduction in open space
  - Campus becomes built out
  - Reduction in oval size (less than existing oval size)
  - Would need to consider staggering class access to open space (timetable implications)
- Location
- Traffic Management issues

## FRSA Summary data

	2020	2025	2030	2040
Students	1044	1224	1434	1981
Staff (FTE)	106.4	124.5	145.5	201.4
Facilities (\$)	425K	11.6M	26.9M	36.2M

### FRSA Staffing

- Approximately 100 new teaching positions over the next 20 years
- Approximately 15 new administrative/support positions over the next 20 years
- Current turnover is approximately 10 people (head count) each year.

### Total: 115 + 200 = 315 staff

# **Key Questions**

- 1. How do we increase the efficiency of our existing model?
- 2. How do we fund the infrastructure needs for the next 20 years?
- 3. How do we raise more money?
- 4. What further information do we need in order to make an informed decision regarding the JCCC (Robin Hood Avenue) site

### **Key Themes**

- 1. Growth is a blessing from the Lord.
- 2. Growth is occurring NOW in the Primary Schools.
- 3. Changes in efficiency in the Primary Schools are impacting the budget.
- 4. Infrastructure demands for the next 5 years are at the upper end (likely to exceed) the ability of the current budget model to manage.
- 5. A decision about the JCCC Robin Hood site could (should?) be made in the next 24 (approximately) months.
- 6. Infrastructure demand in the 5+ year horizon is beyond the capacity of the current budget model.

### Next steps

- 1. The two committees and the Administration team continue their work
- 2. Determine the most appropriate way to have an ongoing (and detailed) conversation with the Association
- 3. Aim to produce a comprehensive position paper
- Present recommendations to the Board and Association