

# GIVING STUDENTS A VOICE IN OUR DEMOCRACY

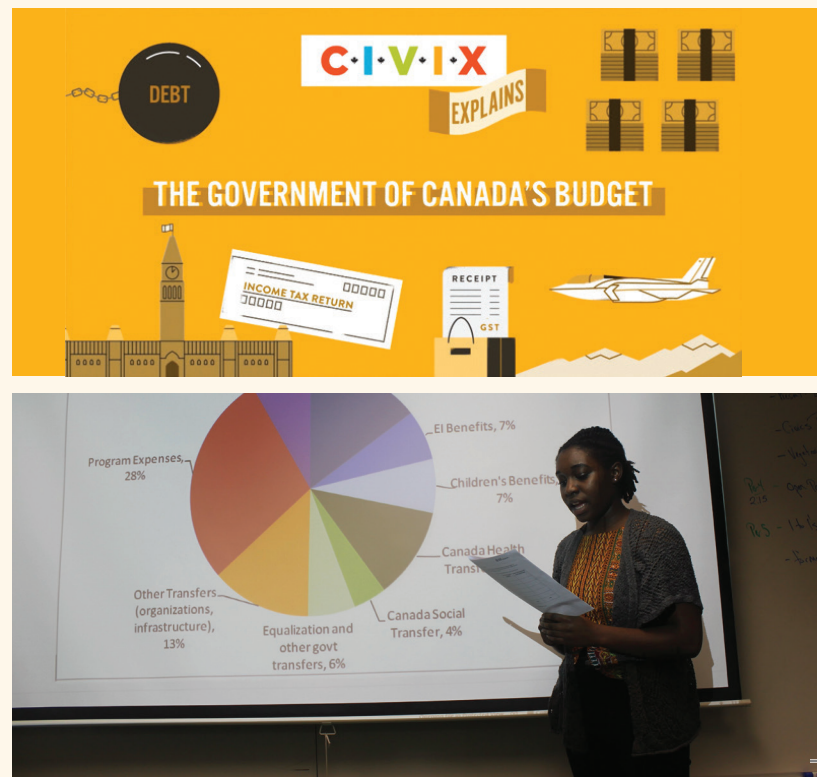
## WHAT IS THE STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION?

The **Student Budget Consultation** teaches students about the federal government, economic issues and policy issues.

The goal is to develop the habits of active and informed citizenship among students.

**“OUR DEMOCRACY IS MADE STRONGER WHEN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATE, AND I HOPE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION INSPIRES YOU TO KEEP SPEAKING UP. YOUR VOICES MATTER, AND HOW YOU CHOOSE TO USE THEM WILL SHAPE THIS COUNTRY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.”**

– CHRYSTIA FREELAND, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE



# HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Students explore key themes and current issues through video content, hands-on activities and discussion. The video content includes explainer videos and interviews conducted by youth journalist Wyatt Sharpe.

Students ultimately provide their feedback through a short online survey, and the results are shared with the Department of Finance and elected officials.

## KEY THEMES:

### → INTRODUCTION

Focuses on the basics of budgeting and the different ways that the federal budget impacts Canadians.

### → THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Reviews the areas where the federal government brings in and spends money.

### → ECONOMIC ISSUES

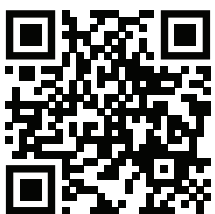
Explores the economy and major issues influencing decisions for the upcoming federal budget.

### → POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

Reviews different ideological positions on the political spectrum, and encourages students to analyze their own political views.

### → ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Explores different ways that citizens can advocate for issues that matter to them.



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# WHO IS BEHIND THE PROGRAM?

CIVIX is a national charity dedicated to strengthening democracy through civic education. CIVIX also coordinates the Student Vote program, a parallel election for students under the voting age.

The Student Budget Consultation is financially supported by the Government of Canada. The program is free to all schools across Canada.



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**"AS ALWAYS, THE LEARNING MATERIALS PROVIDED BY CIVIX ARE EXCELLENT, AND THE STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION WAS NO DIFFERENT. EVERYTHING WAS LAID OUT AND ACCESSIBLE FOR THE TEACHER AND THE STUDENTS. THANKS AGAIN FOR THIS GREAT PROGRAM!"**

– PARTICIPATING EDUCATOR