

## LESSON 2 - TO DO MORE:

This document is an addition to lesson 2. It aims to provide additional activities for the presentation of the issues addressed by the future Quebec budget.

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### The stakes of the budget

What do you think are the most important issues for the next budget? Are there issues that have not been included in the videos presented on the expectations of experts and if so, which should be included? CIVIX-Quebec invites students to share their own video or audio recording of 60 to 90 seconds that addresses an issue that affects them.

*Note to teacher: Students can send submissions individually, in small groups, or by class. There is no limit to the number of submissions per school. You can send your submissions to [info@civix.quebec](mailto:info@civix.quebec) or on Twitter by mentioning @CIVIX\_Quebec.*

### The 2019 Budget and Its update

Finance Minister Eric Girard and the Caquist government released the latest budget in March 2019. Review the highlights of Budget 2019 and the November 2019 economic update using media sources. Are there aspects you liked or disliked? Which aspects have an impact on you and your family?

#### **Recommended reading and resources:**

- [Quebec families are the big winners in CAQ mini-budget](#), *Montreal Gazette* (November 7, 2019)
- [Quebec presents \\$4-billion surplus for 2019-20 amid booming economy](#), *The Globe and Mail* (November 7, 2019)
- [Budget 2019–2020](#), *Finances Quebec* (March 21, 2019)
- [How Quebec’s 2019 budget will affect your wallet](#), *CBC News* (March 21, 2019)
- [Quebec tables fifth consecutive balanced budget, projects \\$2.5 billion surplus](#), *CTV News* (March 21, 2019)
- [Year in review: CAQ started rebuilding Quebec’s health network in 2019](#), *Montreal Gazette* (December 28, 2019)

- [Quebec's credit rating has hit a historic high](#), *The Canadian Press* (November 12, 2019)
- [Why Quebec's economy is enjoying its "best boom" ever—despite the fall of Bombardier and SNC](#), *Financial Post* (August 9, 2019)
- [New money for health and education won't go far without more workers, critics warn](#), *CBC News* (March 23, 2019)
- <https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/union-denounces-legaults-shameless-contempt-for-public-sector-workers>

## Preparing the Student Budget Consultations Questionnaire

In order to prepare students to fill out the Student Budget Consultation questionnaire, ask them to search on economic issues in Quebec and see around them on how the government could improve the economy and help their families.

### Suggested questions:

- What should be the priorities in education and health?
- Do you think Quebecers are taxed too much or not enough and why?
- Should Quebec exploit its natural resources such as fossil and gas fuels despite the risks of pollution?
- What measures should be put forward to address the labor shortage?
- How can we better prepare Quebec to face climate change?
- What should the government do to improve the competitiveness of our economy?