

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Funding Manual for School Authorities 2015/2016 School Year

The following are the significant content changes made to the *2015/2016 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. Some of these changes may not apply to all school authority types. Changes are indicated throughout the manual with the words “Revised” or “New” in the left side margin of the page.

Funding Allocation Changes

- For the 2015/2016 school year, funding to School Jurisdictions, Private ECS Operators and Accredited Funded Private Schools will be based on the lower of their 2014/2015 or 2015/2016 frozen funded enrolment – student enrolment growth will not be funded.

Section 8.1 – School Jurisdiction Funding Rates:

- Base Instruction funding is split into two components. Base Instruction A represents the portion of the grant related to average teacher compensation costs reported by school boards and charter schools. Base Instruction B represents the average of non-teacher related costs.
- Base Instruction A is increased 2%
- Base Instruction B is decreased 3.1%
- Class Size Base Rate is increased 2%
- Inclusive Education is decreased 1.9%
- Transportation is decreased 1.35%
- The following grant allocations will remain at the 2014/2015 funding levels:
 - SuperNet Service Funding
 - Fort McMurray Allowance
 - Narrowing Teacher Salary Gap
 - Flood Funding Support
 - Federal French Language Funding
 - Education Programs in Institutions
- All other grant allocations are decreased 3.1%

Section 8.2 – Private ECS Operators Funding Rates:

- Base Instruction funding is split into two components. Base Instruction A and Base Instruction B
- Base Instruction A is funded at the 2014/2015 level
- Base Instruction B is decreased 3.1%

- Transportation is decreased 1.35
- SuperNet Service Funding is funded at the 2014/2015 level.
- All other grant allocations are decreased 3.1%

Section 8.3 – Accredited Funded Private Schools Funding Rates:

- Base Instruction funding and Designated Special Education Private Schools funding is split into two components. Base Instruction A and Base Instruction B
- Base Instruction A is funded at the 2014/2015 level
- Base Instruction B is decreased 3.1%
- SuperNet Service Funding and Education Programs in Institutions are funded at the 2014/2015 level
- All other grant allocations are decreased 3.1%
- The three year phase-in process for plant operations and maintenance funding will be delayed for two years. (Plant operations and maintenance was discontinued in Budget 2012, and reinstated through a three year phase-in process in Budget 2014)

Other Changes

Section 9.1 – Reporting Requirements and Information:

- Page 99 and 100, Program Unit Funding – removed forms 15AE1.5a and 15AE1.5c. School authorities will no longer use the paper application. All operators are required to use the electronic PUF application in the Program Unit Funding System.

Section 9.2 – Alberta Education Contact List:

- Updated Alberta Education contacts.

Forms

- Funding Application Deadlines and Other Important Deadlines: Note that some deadlines have been updated.

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