

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The following are the significant content changes made to the *2014/2015 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

**Section 8.1 – School Jurisdiction Funding Rates:** Class size and inclusive education grants receive a two per cent rate increase. All other funding rates remain the same as in 2013/2014.

**Section 8.2 – Private ECS Operators Funding Rates:** All funding rates remain the same as in 2013/2014.

**Section 8.3 – Accredited Funded Private Schools Funding Rates:** Plant operations and maintenance funding has been reinstated. All other funding rates remain the same as in 2013/2014.

### Other Changes

#### **Introduction: Allocation Categories**

- New funding introduced for eligible school jurisdictions to address salary grid changes as outlined in Part B of the Framework Agreement between the Government of Alberta, the Alberta Teachers’ Association and the Alberta School Boards Association and referenced in the *Assurance for Students Act*.  
<http://education.alberta.ca/department/policy/bill26.aspx>

#### **Section 3.10: Plant Operations and Maintenance Funding**

- Funding is reinstated for Level 2 accredited funded private schools. Level 2 grant rates will be phased in over the next three years.

#### **Section 5.1: Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) Funding**

#### **Section 5.2: Francophone Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) Funding**

- A new funding model implemented for RCSD and Francophone RCSD. Funding comes from the allocations previously provided for student health services, children and youth with complex needs and regional educational consulting services (which are discontinued).
- The formula is a combination of per student funding with differential modifiers to reflect regional needs as well as an allocation for regional management.
- Funding allocation letters will be provided to Regions in April 2014 outlining their 2014/2015 RCSD amount.
- Reporting requirements are outlined in section 9.1

#### **Section 7.2: Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Funding**

- FTE funded enrolment replaces FTE weighted enrolment in the IMR formula. An ECS child who receives program unit funding (PUF) will continue to be counted at 1.5 FTE.

### Section 9.1: Reporting Requirements and Information

- CEU Funding Tiers: New Tier 3 Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses added.
- English as a Second Language: Re-worded to clarify that code 302 is to be used for English language learners who do not meet the criteria as a **funded student or funded child**.
- Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) including Francophone Regional Collaborative Service Delivery: Updated reporting requirements to align with the new funding model.

### Forms

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

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