

October 20, 2008

TO: Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers of School Jurisdictions and Treasurer's of Private ECS Operators and Accredited Funded Private Schools

UPDATES TO THE 2008 – 2009 FUNDING MANUAL

Attached are updated sections of the *2008 – 2009 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. The changes are indicated in the margin as either “**updated**” or “**new**”.

Please ensure a copy of this package (including this letter) is provided to all staff who currently have a Funding Manual. The changes may also be found on the Alberta Education website at <http://education.gov.ab.ca/funding/FundingManual/>.

The following is a summary of the changes:

Table of Contents: replace all 4 pages

- The Table of Contents has been updated to reflect the addition of new sections 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 6.7, and 6.8.

Introduction: replace pages 11 to 14

- General Condition #11 from previous manual has been deleted because policies are addressed in the Guide to Education.

Section 1.4 Home Education Funding: replace pages 23/24

- Wording in this section is updated throughout to indicate it also applies to associate accredited funded private schools.

Section 1.7 Severe Disabilities Profile Funding: replace pages 29/30

- Allocation Criteria #6 has the deadline date corrected.

Section 1.9 Francisation Funding: replace page 29/30

- The section name has been updated to clarify this funding is only available to Francophone Regional Authorities.

Section 1.11 FNMI Funding: replace pages 31/32

- Allocation Criteria #1 is updated to include level 2 accredited funded private schools and referencing the new form.

Section 1.15 Northern Allowance Funding: replace page 37/38

- Allocation Criteria #1 on page 38 has been updated to include level 2 accredited funded private schools and referencing the new form.

Section 1.17 Enrollment Growth Funding: replace page 39/40

- The Allocation Formula and Allocation Criteria #1 on page 39 have been updated to correct one of the variables.

Section 1.20 Small Board Administration Funding: replace pages 43/44

- Allocation Formula on page 43 has been updated to correct the funding rates.

Section 1.24 Plant Operations and Maintenance: replace pages 45/46

- The section name has been updated to indicate this section only applies to school jurisdictions.

Section 1.30 Metro Urban Transportation Funding: replace pages 57/58

- Allocation Criteria #7 on page 58 has been updated to correct the reference to the ECS Special Transportation section.

Section 1.33 ECS Special Transportation Funding: replace pages 63/64

- Allocation Criteria #1 on page 63 a) wording has been shortened to improve clarity. Also, Allocation Criteria #7 on page 64 from the original manual has been deleted as it did not relate to funding.

Section 3.2 DSEPS Funding: replace pages 65 to 68

- Allocation Criteria #1 and #4 on page 66 and c), #7 on page 67 were updated to improve clarity.

Section 3.3 Severe Disabilities Funding: replace pages 67/68

- The Allocation Formula on page 67 is revised to improve clarity.

Section 3.11 RCPA Funding: add pages 68a, 68b, and 68c

- This is new funding for level 2 accredited funded private schools.

Section 3.12 Plant Operations and Maintenance Funding: add page 68d

- This new funding for level 2 accredited funded private schools.

Section 4.2 Federal French Language Funding: replace pages 71/72

- Allocation Criteria #9 a) has been updated to improve clarity.

Section 6.7 CTS Evergreening Funding: add page 85/85a

- This is new funding for school jurisdictions.

Section 6.8 Innovative Classroom Technology Funding: add page 85b/86

- This is new funding for school jurisdictions.

Section 8.1 School Jurisdictions Funding Rates: replace pages 87/88 and 89/90

- The Knowledge and Employability Courses funding rates have been removed to avoid confusion. These are funded at 8/5's of the CEU rate. Also, new rates have been added for CTS Evergreening Funding and for Innovative Classroom Technology Funding.

Section 8.3 Private Schools Funding Rates: replace pages 93/94

- New funding rates have been added for level 2 accredited funded private schools for FNMI Funding, POM Funding, Northern Allowance Funding and RCPA Funding.

Section 8.4 Payment Schedule for School Jurisdictions: replace page 93/94.

- This schedule has been updated with the funding payments for the new funding under Sections 6.7 and 6.8.

Section 8.6 Payment Schedule for Accredited Funded Private Schools: replace pages 97 to 100.

- This schedule has been updated with the funding payments for the new funding under Sections 3.9, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12.

Section 9.1 Information and Reporting Requirements: replace pages 101 to 106

- Accredited Funded Private Schools has been added to this section.
- ECS has been updated to provide clarity.
- Regional Educational Consulting Services has been updated with an address change for zones 2, 3, and 4.

Summary of Funding Application Forms: replace pages 107/108.

- Some Due Dates have been updated to correct errors on this page.
- The new form Accredited Funded Private School Authority Accountability and Funding Declaration has been added.

Form 08AE1.6a ECS PUF Application for Private ECS Operators:

Replace pages 127 to 132

- This form has a number of changes to improve clarity and correct information on the form.

Form 08AE3.0 Accredited Funded Private School Authority Accountability and Funding Declaration: add page 134a

- This is a new form for private schools

Section 9.4 References: replace pages 147/148

- Some references listed have been updated.

Glossary of Terms: replace pages 153 to 156, 161 to 164

- The definition of a CEU has been updated to provide clarity.
- The definition of Count Date has been updated to correct an error.
- The definition of Declaration of Management has been updated to correct an error.
- The list under the definition of Designated Special Education ECS Programs has been updated.
- The definition of Funded Student has been updated to improve clarity.
- The definition of an Institution has been shortened as some of the information was also found in section 6.1.
- The list of approved Institutions has been updated.
- Page 164: the list of school authorities approved to provide an educational program in an Institution has been updated.

Any questions regarding the above changes may be directed to Mark Lalumiere, Mary-Ellen Deising, or myself at 780-427-2055.

Yours truly,

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