

November 30, 2007

TO: Superintendents and Secretary-Treasurers of School Jurisdictions

UPDATES TO THE 2007-2008 FUNDING MANUAL

Attached are updated sections of the *2007-2008 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. The changes are indicated in the left hand margin as “**Updated.**” Changes indicated as “**Revised**” or “**New**” are repeats of ones that were made in the original version of the *2007-2008 Funding Manual* and do not represent additional changes.

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:

Section 1.6 ECS Program Unit Funding: replace pages 1 to 14

- ⇒ Page 3: Documentation and Reporting Requirement #1 is updated to reflect that all school jurisdictions are now on the PUF Pilot.
- ⇒ Pages 6-9: Documentation and Reporting Requirement #12 is updated to reflect changes to the cost categories on the PUF Pilot Budget Page.
- ⇒ Page 10: Documentation and Reporting Requirement #13 is updated to reflect changes to the cost categories on the PUF Pilot Budget Page for Designated Special Education ECS Programs.

Section 1.7 Severe Disabilities Profile Funding: replace pages 1 to 2

- ⇒ Page 1: Allocation Criteria #2 has been removed .

Section 1.9 First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Funding: replace pages 1 to 2

- ⇒ Page 2: Documentation and Reporting Requirement #1 has been updated to indicate that FNMI students/children who are First Nations and who live on reserve may be coded as both 330 and 331. The 330 code identifies them as not eligible for FNMI funding and the 331 identifies them as First Nations for data collection purposes.

Section 2.3 ECS Program Unit Funding replace pages 1 to 12

- ⇒ Page 2: Requirement #1 indicates that private ECS operators must use the new revised form (provided with this update) to apply for funding.
- ⇒ Pages 5-8: Requirement #12 is updated to reflect changes to the cost categories on the new Private ECS PUF application Budget Page.
- ⇒ Page 8-9: Requirement #13 is updated with changes to the cost categories on the Budget Page for Designated Special Education ECS Programs.

Section 2.4 ECS Regular Transportation Funding replace pages 1 to 2

- ⇒ Page 2: Requirement #8 has been added to indicate that transportation of children with English as a Second Language needs may be claimed under this section

Section 3.1 Base Instruction Funding: replace pages 9 to 10

- ⇒ Page 10: Delete the references to CASS and ASBOA under the Edulink section as this was unnecessary information.

Form 07AE1.6 Statement of Actual PUF Expenditures: replace pages 1 to 2

- ⇒ Page 2: correction of the funding rates at bottom of the page.

**Form 07AE2.3a Program Unit Funding Application Form for
Private ECS Operators:** replace pages 1 to 5

- ⇒ Pages 1-5: this new PUF application form for private ECS operators replaces the old form.

Glossary of Terms: replace pages 3-4, 9-10, 13-16.

- ⇒ Page 4: updated the list of Designated Sp. Ed. ECS Operators.
- ⇒ Page 9: the definition of “Francisation” has been updated to improve clarity.
- ⇒ Page 13: the definition of “independent student” has been updated to improve clarity.
- ⇒ Page 15: 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, Ken Poon or myself at 780-427-2055.

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