

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE**

DATE: June 28, 2019
CLIFF: 212747

PREPARED FOR: Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister - **FOR INFORMATION**

SUBJECT: Funding for PISA 2021

PURPOSE: Approval for the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) to move forward with a two-year funding agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) for Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021

BACKGROUND:

PISA assesses the performance of 15-year-old students in math, reading and science. PISA is sponsored by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and has been administered every three years since 2000. The next PISA administration is scheduled for Spring 2021 and focusing on mathematics, with reading and science as minor domains and creative thinking as the innovative domain. CMEC coordinates PISA on behalf of participating provinces. CMEC has confirmed they will coordinate Canadian participation in PISA 2021 and our Ministry has committed to participating. Since 2000, Canada's participation in PISA has been made possible through funding provided by ESDC and in-kind contributions by participating provinces.

CURRENT SITUATION:

- CMEC has been informed that ESDC can only commit to a two-year funding agreement at this time for PISA 2021, rather than the usual three years.
- CMEC is seeking signed authorization from the Deputy Minister on the attached form to proceed with a two-year funding agreement with ESDC, with the understanding that regular contact with ESDC will be maintained to ensure resolution as soon as possible regarding the third year of funding.
- If ESDC funding for the third year of PISA 2021 is not forthcoming, provinces and territories will be consulted on whether to withdraw from PISA, provide the needed funding along with CMEC budget reserves, or look for other funding sources.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached Response Form which will authorize CMEC to proceed with a two-year funding agreement with ESDC, with the understanding that that regular contact with ESDC will be maintained to ensure resolution regarding the third year of funding. If ESDC funding for the third year is not forthcoming, provinces and territories will be consulted for next steps.

Attachment: Response Form

Program ADM/Branch: Nicola Lemmer/Curriculum and Assessment
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Response Form

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Re: Funding agreement for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2021

RESPONSE REQUESTED BY JULY 12, 2019

Scott D. MacDonald
Deputy Minister

British Columbia
Province/Territory

- ☐ I authorize the Secretariat to proceed with a two-year funding agreement with ESDC for PISA 2021, with the understanding that that regular contact with ESDC will be maintained to ensure resolution regarding the third year of funding as soon as possible and that in the event that ESDC funding for the third year of PISA 2021 is not forthcoming, provinces and territories will be consulted on whether to withdraw from PISA, provide the needed funding, or look for other funding sources.
- ☐ I do not authorize the Secretariat to proceed with a two-year funding agreement with ESDC for PISA 2021 and recommends that Canada withdraw from PISA 2021 if funding cannot be confirmed in advance for all three years.
- ☐ My territory does not intend to participate in PISA 2021, but I have no concerns with other provinces and territories proceeding with an two-year funding agreement with ESDC.

Please provide comments, if any:

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Date

Signature

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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DATE: June 12, 2019

CLIFF: 212260

PREPARED FOR: Scott MacDonald, Deputy Minister - **FOR INFORMATION**

SUBJECT: Operating Grant Adjustments – May 2019 Enrolment

PURPOSE: Operating grant adjustments resulting from the May 2019 enrolment count

BACKGROUND:

- Each year on March 15th, school districts are provided with preliminary operating grant allocations for the following school year based on their estimated enrolment
- Actual enrolment is counted four times during the school year in various categories: summer, September, February and May
- Preliminary operating grant allocations are adjusted after each of these counts based on actual enrolment
- A count of student FTEs eligible for provincial funding and who are enrolled in public Distributed Learning (DL) and continuing education (CE) schools is undertaken every May
- This enrolment count includes all new DL and CE course enrolments that have occurred since the previous enrolment count in February.
- Estimated May 2019 funding for CE was \$5.4 million and for DL was \$10.4 million based on district enrolment estimates.
- As per the *School Act*, the full School Year Operating Grant including all adjustments must be paid to districts by June 30, 2019. The deadline for entering this payment into the Common Disbursement System is June 18, 2019 at 9am.

DISCUSSION:

- Based on March 2018 district enrolment estimates for the May 2019 count, the Ministry calculated that \$15.7 million would be required – this has already been allocated to districts from within the operating grant
- The May 2019 enrolment count has resulted in lower than estimated adult enrolment in CE of 193 FTE, while school-age FTE is 53.5 FTE more than estimated
- Actual school-age DL enrolment is 80 FTE higher than districts had estimated, while DL adult enrolment is 23 FTE less.
- The combined total of the updated enrolments resulted in a net decrease in funding required of approximately \$770,000.
- Twenty-seven districts will receive less funding than estimated for May 2019, while 22 districts will receive more, and 11 districts will remain unchanged

- The largest decline is School District No. 62 (Sooke) where actual May funding is \$385,000 less than estimated. This is the result of the district over-estimating DL enrolment by 50 FTE and CE enrolment by 13 FTE.
- Other large differences resulting from over-estimates of enrolment include – SD 23 Central Okanagan) at -\$377,000; SD 40 (New Westminster) at -\$301,000; and SD 44 (North Vancouver) at -\$255,000, all the result of districts over-estimating their May 2019 enrolment.

CONCLUSION:

- The operating grant tables on the Ministry's funding web page will be updated with actual May 2019 enrolment and funding figures
- The operating grant payment schedule for the balance of the school year will be amended to reflect these changes, including a recovery of \$770,000 from school districts
- As per the *School Act*, the full School Year Operating Grant including all adjustments must be paid to districts by June 30, 2019. The deadline for entering this payment into the Common Disbursement System is June 18, 2019 at 9am.

Attachments

1. Summary of May 2019 Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Allocation

Program ADM/Branch: Reg Bawa/Resource Management

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Date: June 12, 2019

Summary of May 2019 Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Allocation

School District	CE Funding	DL Funding	Total, May 2019 Funding	District Estimated May 2019	Difference	CE Funding Estimated	Difference from Actual	DL Funding Estimated	Difference from Actual
5 Southeast Kootenay	3,276	73,018	76,294	83,680	-7,386	0	3,276	83,680	-10,662
6 Rocky Mountain	7,972	56,122	64,094	76,994	-12,900	1,761	6,211	75,233	-19,111
8 Kootenay Lake	0	123,673	123,673	195,199	-71,526	0	0	195,199	-71,526
10 Arrow Lakes	0	14,390	14,390	0	14,390	0	0	0	14,390
19 Revelstoke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 Kootenay-Columbia	0	33,550	33,550	0	33,550	0	0	0	33,550
22 Vernon	16,474	172,052	188,526	305,176	-116,650	43,022	-26,548	262,154	-90,102
23 Central Okanagan	79,797	242,892	322,689	699,593	-376,904	64,080	15,717	635,513	-392,621
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	11,778	51,595	63,373	78,654	-15,281	31,888	-20,110	46,766	4,829
28 Quesnel	0	21,602	21,602	52,765	-31,163	24,351	-24,351	28,414	-6,812
33 Chilliwack	36,981	106,534	143,515	78,864	64,651	18,784	18,197	60,080	46,454
34 Abbotsford	608,429	419,292	1,027,721	669,891	357,830	256,015	352,414	413,876	5,416
35 Langley	3,276	225,034	228,310	254,989	-26,679	0	3,276	254,989	-29,955
36 Surrey	994,306	435,843	1,430,149	1,469,380	-39,231	1,086,920	-92,614	382,460	53,383
37 Delta	60,443	258,862	319,305	348,490	-29,185	112,478	-52,035	236,012	22,850
38 Richmond	253,282	132,324	385,606	339,586	46,020	327,386	-74,104	12,200	120,124
39 Vancouver	366,457	495,579	862,036	1,046,415	-184,379	524,140	-157,683	522,275	-26,696
40 New Westminster	218,005	164,039	382,044	683,148	-301,104	366,288	-148,283	316,860	-152,821
41 Burnaby	171,028	193,075	364,103	299,121	64,982	152,092	18,936	147,029	46,046
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	175,174	73,769	248,943	444,212	-195,269	312,820	-137,646	131,392	-57,623
43 Coquitlam	199,714	515,829	715,543	904,611	-189,068	316,301	-116,587	588,310	-72,481
44 North Vancouver	16,815	185,409	202,224	457,500	-255,276	0	16,815	457,500	-272,091
45 West Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
46 Sunshine Coast	9,241	65,065	74,306	77,879	-3,573	14,846	-5,605	63,033	2,032
47 Powell River	45,125	106,826	151,951	34,566	117,385	0	45,125	34,566	72,260
48 Sea to Sky	0	94,611	94,611	195,200	-100,589	0	0	195,200	-100,589
49 Central Coast	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 Haida Gwaii	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51 Boundary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
52 Prince Rupert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53 Okanagan Similkameen	60,689	109,423	170,112	157,728	12,384	79,832	-19,143	77,896	31,527
54 Bulkley Valley	0	76,884	76,884	8,133	68,751	0	0	8,133	68,751
57 Prince George	122,154	67,002	189,156	270,140	-80,984	163,149	-40,995	106,991	-39,989
58 Nicola-Similkameen	1,761	214,215	215,976	186,921	29,055	0	1,761	186,921	27,294
59 Peace River South	0	186,667	186,667	335,500	-148,833	0	0	335,500	-148,833
60 Peace River North	0	550,327	550,327	244,724	305,603	0	0	244,724	305,603
61 Greater Victoria	125,433	131,603	257,036	145,185	111,851	46,695	78,738	98,490	33,113
62 Sooke	54,186	267,395	321,581	706,900	-385,319	148,460	-94,274	558,440	-291,045
63 Saanich	141,501	449,771	591,272	686,306	-95,034	178,701	-37,200	507,605	-57,834
64 Gulf Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
67 Okanagan Skaha	7,044	124,284	131,328	75,152	56,176	12,119	-5,075	63,033	61,251
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	28,688	472,370	501,058	644,774	-143,716	66,053	-37,365	578,721	-106,351
69 Qualicum	587	483,466	484,053	411,361	72,692	4,696	-4,109	406,665	76,801
70 Alberni	29,521	410,640	440,161	129,550	310,611	0	29,521	129,550	281,090
71 Comox Valley	0	924,816	924,816	864,981	59,835	0	0	864,981	59,835
72 Campbell River	28,991	47,020	76,011	216,240	-140,229	84,075	-55,084	132,165	-85,145
73 Kamloops/Thompson	116,056	202,231	318,287	404,382	-86,095	219,501	-103,445	184,881	17,350
74 Gold Trail	0	763	763	12,200	-11,437	0	0	12,200	-11,437
75 Mission	262,551	77,991	340,542	375,558	-35,016	269,197	-6,646	106,361	-28,370
78 Fraser-Cascade	7,385	0	7,385	0	7,385	0	7,385	0	0
79 Cowichan Valley	350,963	189,330	540,293	307,168	233,125	246,170	104,793	60,998	128,332
81 Fort Nelson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
82 Coast Mountains	189,874	50,392	240,266	235,079	5,187	164,687	25,187	70,392	-20,000
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	0	104,970	104,970	71,165	33,805	0	0	71,165	33,805
84 Vancouver Island West	32,267	0	32,267	0	32,267	0	32,267	0	0
85 Vancouver Island North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
87 Stikine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
91 Nechako Lakes	6,893	682,666	689,559	407,698	281,861	16,815	-9,922	390,883	291,783
92 Nisga'a	0	8,975	8,975	16,896	-7,921	0	0	16,896	-7,921
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provincial Totals	4,844,117	10,094,186	14,938,303	15,709,654	-771,351	5,353,322	-509,205	10,356,332	-262,146
					Number of declines:	27			
					Number of increases:	22			
					Number unchanged:	11			