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From: Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Oomen, Michael EDUC:EX
Cc: Liddy, Eleanor EDUC:EX; Couture, Nicole EDUC:EX; Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX; Craft, Christina GCPE:EX
Subject: 2 - Indy DL QA (April 29).docx
Attachments: 2 - Indy DL QA (April 29).docx

Hi Michael,

As discussed previously, for any upcoming partner engagement meetings it may be useful for you to have the Indy DL communications Key Messages and Communications document.

Please find the latest version attached. This document is intended for an internal ministry audience. We are publishing a public facing version of the Q&A to the website and can provide you with a link once it's live.

Thanks
Grant.

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From: Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX
Sent: May 4, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Purdy, Sheila EDUC:EX
Cc: Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX
Subject: DL Regulations - Indy Sector Communications

Importance: High

Hi Sheila,

We are planning to have the updated Indy DL policy and Indy DL Funding Policy pages updated for 2pm today.

Are you able to confirm that the revised Reg has been / or will have been deposited by that time?

Thanks,

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From: Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX
Sent: May 4, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: DL Coms - MLA list

Importance: High

Resending as per request.

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From: Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX <Marnie.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: DL Coms - MLA list
Importance: High

Hi Marnie,

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Thanks,
Grant.

From: Hall, Matthew EDUC:EX <Matthew.1.Hall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 1, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX <Grant.Sheppard@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Distributed Learning - Locations

Hi Grant,

As requested.

School Code	School Name	City	Electoral Area	MLA
3496801	West Coast Adventist DL School	Abbotsford	Abbotsford South	Darryl Plecas
8396714	Christian Homelearners eStreams	Grindrod	Shuswap	Greg Kylo
7396838	ASCEND Online Distributed Learning Prg.	Kamloops	Kamloops-North Thompson	Peter Milobar
2396738	Heritage Christian Online School (DL)	Kelowna	Kelowna Lake Country	Norm Letnick
2396719	KLEOS Open Learning (DL)	Kelowna	Kelowna West	Ben Stewart
7596839	Valley Christian School DL	Mission	Maple Ridge-Mission	Bob D'Eith
896749	CHEK-ABC	Nelson	Nelson-Creston	Mitchelle Munga
5796841	Pathways Academy Distributed Learning	Prince George	Prince George-Valemount	Shirley Bond
3896843	Fawkes Academy DL	Richmond	Richmond-Queensborough	Jas Johal

8396713	Anchor Academy (DL)	Salmon Arm	Shuswap	Greg Kylo
5496782	Bulkley Valley Christian Distributed Lrn	Smithers	Stikine	Doug Donaldson
3696830	iLearn DL Secondary School	Surrey	Surrey-Newton	Harry Bains
3696720	Traditional Learning Academy Online	Surrey	Surrey-Cloverdale	Marvin Hunt
3996721	SelfDesign Learning Community (DL)	Vancouver	Vancouver-Point Grey	David Eby
6196745	Oak & Orca School (DL)	Victoria	Victoria-Swan Lake	Rob Fleming
6396767	Regent Christian Online Academy	Victoria	Victoria-Beacon Hill	Carole James

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From: Hodges, Nell EDUC:EX
Sent: April 30, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX; Foweraker, Jonathan EDUC:EX
Cc: Duerksen, Dave EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: B.C. Reg. 92/2020
Attachments: Cabinet Summary Independent School Regulation (March 2).docx

I haven't seen the signed OIC yet. Will share once we receive. As per attached, it will amend section 4.1 of the Independent School Regulation to change the funding rate for group 1 DL schools from 63% to 50%, and for group 2 DL schools from 44.1% to 35%.

From: Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX
Sent: April 30, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Hodges, Nell EDUC:EX ; Foweraker, Jonathan EDUC:EX
Cc: Duerksen, Dave EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: B.C. Reg. 92/2020

DL one is being posted on Monday but can't we see the language in advance of that, confidentially?

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Sent: April 30, 2020 2:06 PM
To: Foweraker, Jonathan EDUC:EX <Jonathan.Foweraker@gov.bc.ca>; Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX <Marnie.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Duerksen, Dave EDUC:EX <Dave.Duerksen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: B.C. Reg. 92/2020

As far as I know, we haven't received it yet.

Marnie – my understanding was that were coordinating timing on the DL one with Sheila and Cab ops. Is that the case?

From: Foweraker, Jonathan EDUC:EX <Jonathan.Foweraker@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 1:44 PM
To: Hodges, Nell EDUC:EX <Nell.Hodges@gov.bc.ca>; Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX <Marnie.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Duerksen, Dave EDUC:EX <Dave.Duerksen@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: B.C. Reg. 92/2020

Could you send me a copy of the other OIC?

Thanks,

Jonathan

From: Hodges, Nell EDUC:EX <Nell.Hodges@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: B.C. Reg. 92/2020

Morning – the OIC has been signed and deposited. Things seem to have moved more quickly than I understand they typically do!

You can proceed to send out the letter and post the form as you see fit.

Thanks,
Nell

From: AG LSB Registrar of Regulations AG:EX <RegistrarofRegulations@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 30, 2020 9:52 AM

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Subject: B.C. Reg. 92/2020

Good morning.

Please find attached B.C. Reg. 92/2020 deposited this morning under the *Independent School Act*.

Thank you.

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From: Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX
Sent: May 4, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Craft, Christina GCPE:EX
Cc: Fillion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Burton, Meribeth GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IDL - QAs for sector

Many Thanks, Christina for the quick turnaround!

I have forwarded to Marnie for final review.

Could you please confirm - if she has no changes, then it is good for us to PDF and send to schools when we announce today?

Thanks,
Grant.

From: Craft, Christina GCPE:EX <Christina.Craft@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: IDL - QAs for sector

Hi Grant!

Happy Monday! Here are the QAs for the sector. Let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers!

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From: Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX
Sent: May 4, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Vandeweg, Theo EDUC:EX; Mayhew, Marnie EDUC:EX
Subject: Notes from Today's Call

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Marnie doing roll call

*WestCoast Adventist - Melnaie Kartik

- Christian Home Learners - No
- Ascend - Holly
- Hertiage - Craig and Sara
- KLEOS - Michelle Hussey and Laura
- Valley Christian -
- CHEK ABC - Kevin Bernhardt
- Pathways Academy
- Fawkes - John McGregor
- Anchor -
- Bulkley Valley Christian
- Ilearn - yes
- Traditional Learning Academy - Gabe - Allan
- Self Design - Amber Papou CEO
- Oak and Orca -
- Regent Chrisitan - Steve Witmer & Dennise Croswell.

Marnie, Theo, Grant, Jonathan - Foweraker

Keith - ADM

- A few updates -
 - Covid - 19 - a lot to reflect on - both with BM schools getting into the virtual space - and with regular DL - part of our planning for the 3-5 year vision - and the next 3-5 weeks and months.
 - Reaffirm how important online learning is for the sector
 - Strong ambassador's from FISA
 - Thinking about the future vision of online learning - we went into the legislature and made changes to the school act and independent school act - enabled a number of future potential changes
 - No longer calling things DL
 - Switching definitions to Online Learning
 - Lots more to come on that side - Eleanor Liddy leading from the Ministry prospective and you will be engaged on that front from Marnie and FISA.
- Funding Changes - one change for this group of online funding providers
- Bring all grant allocations in line with all group 1 schools.
- It will be a 50% percentile.
- Government has made this policy decision - so it our job to work with you on this implementation.
- This wasn't covid related - this was part of the funding model review over the past couple of years.
- Independent school funding is formulaic and statutorily linked to public funding.
- Govt. considering its fiscal position.

- Significant stimulus funding and every Ministry is looking at the budget - not the primary reason - but part of the calculus.
- This can come across as surprising - but government took the decision very seriously. Was part of a months long funding decision. The actual decision was made very recently.
- Empathy - the next school year is starting very soon.
- The Order in Council Decision is posted today - and so we are telling you all as soon as it is legally feasible.
- We are happy to respond and happy to schedule another meeting if there are additional questions and concerns requiring dialogue.
- Marnie - change in funding - move from the current funding model of 63% to 50% of the public DL rate to take effect as of July 1.
- Any enrolments for grades 10 - 12 before July 1 will continue to be funded at the current rate.
- We will be asking for another snapshot as of June 30th - enrolled and active students - we will be sending out additional information.

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- Keith - on the aspect of voice - recognize this doesn't align with the recommendations - in terms of having a voice, you had it. Neutral information was provided by government. Amongst all of the complicated facets of the funding model review - the independent school voice was very present.
- Keith - opening to authorities / principals

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- Keith - online learning is an important aspect in the delivery of education and through that enabling legislation - levers are at our disposal - funding, legislation , curriculum
 - I recognize that funding will play a very important impact.
 - Another lever is legislation - I don't want to make the funding impact less than it is, but the legislative changes hopefully are welcome.
 - Not being a politician I can't speak for them.
 - Key - is that group 1 schools at 50% and bringing the funding rate in line with other Group 1 schools.
 - That may have had an impact on some of the decision making.
 - Utilizing tax payer dollars for independent schools that are not charging tuition.
 - Meets policy and funding objectives for government

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- Keith - changed to online learning - most will manifest with the public system - but we are changing the way online learning will be structured. That's the work in the coming months
 - Arrangements for online learning will be reestablished for July 2021.
- Marnie - If you haven't already you will be receiving the renewals of the annual agreements - so that enables your schools to operate for the next school year.
- But over the coming year there will be a whole bunch of changes to the DL sector - service delivery models etc. And Indy sector will be fully represented at that table.
- Marnie - I can assure you that the risks of driving students to homeschooling and to public DL and the associated costs were fully represented and considered.
- Marnie - but it is difficult for government to justify why 15 Indy DL schools are not charging tuition while the vast majority of Indy schools charge fees. And that discrepancy is a hard one for government to justify or explain.

- Keith - we are due for time here - If we need to have more conversation about this - we are happy to do this and to have more conversation if required.
 - Craig - no other funding decisions that are on the horizon at this time.
 - This government is very mindful of vulnerable populations and is first and foremost on their agenda - and so they weigh decisions very carefully.

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