

## TREASURY BOARD STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

CLIFF NO: 397314  
REQUEST NO.: 387587

MINOR MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2020

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**TITLE:** s.12

**AND K-12 RESTART REPORT BACK**

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### ISSUE SUMMARY:

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- Provincial funding (\$45.600M) supported school districts and independent school authorities to provide a safe restart to the school year; efforts include acquisition of personal protective equipment and masks, increased cleaning of high-contact surfaces, and greater supports for remote learning. s.12
- Federal funding (initial allocation of \$121.180M) provided incremental support on top of provincial funding to support safe return through the fall. s.12  
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- The province is to report back to the federal government on the use of federal funding and priorities for the remaining school year to access additional funding of up to \$121.180M after December 31, 2020. The ministry is working with the sector to plan resource needs for the remaining school year.

*Previous reviews of the proposal*

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### *Timelines*

- The province is required to report back to the federal government by December 31, 2020, on federal fund use and priorities for the remaining school year.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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## **CONTEXT:**

- In July 2020, B.C.'s COVID-19 Action Plan instituted a one-time investment of \$45.600M from provincial funding to support School Districts (districts) and Independent School Authorities (ISAs) to facilitate a safe return to school-year operations in September. s.12
- Soon after, the Government of Canada (federal government) committed up to \$242.360M for B.C. to help the sector adapt to the pandemic to ensure safe return to school through the fall. s.12
- Federal funding was allocated to B.C. in two phases. Phase 1 provided \$121.180M in September 2020. To access Phase 2 funding (maximum of \$121.180M), the province must report back to the federal government on fund usage in the first phase, highlight additional needs and supports requested within the sector, and specify how additional funding is to be spent through the remaining school year.

## **DISCUSSION:**

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## OPTIONS:

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## RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE: s.12

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**TBS Contact:** Faiyaz Talukdar

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# TREASURY BOARD MINOR MINUTE

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## REQUEST:

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## DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

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## DECISION AND RATIONALE:

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**Approved by:** Treasury Board

**TB Meeting Date:** December 18, 2020



TB Minor Meeting Date: December 14, 2020  
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Honourable Jennifer Whiteside  
Minister of Education  
Room 124 Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Colleague:

Re: **s.12** and K-12 Restart Reportback

I am writing to inform you that **s.12**  
**s.12**

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson  
Chair

cc: Scott MacDonald  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Education

Reg Bawa  
Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer  
Ministry of Education

## TREASURY BOARD STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

REQUEST NO.: 394346

T.B. MINOR MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

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### TITLE: FEDERAL SAFE RESTART FUNDING PROCESS

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#### ISSUE SUMMARY:

- s.12
- s.12 to support the Province's efforts in reopening schools and any further adaptations required during the upcoming school year to prepare for any possible surges in cases of COVID-19.
- BC will receive \$242.36M in 2020/21 from a federal fund which will be allocated in two phases; \$121.18M in each of September 2020 (Phase I) and January 2021 (Phase II), s.12
- s.12
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- The Province recently announced \$45.6M allocated to school districts to support a Safe Restart through the Safe Return to Schools Grant (SRSG). This provided funding to support schools in a safely reopening. s.12
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#### RECOMMENDATION:

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#### CONTEXT:

- The federal government has committed to provide provinces and territories \$2 billion in new federal funding to support the adaptation of the education sector to ensure a safe return to class in the fall. The objectives of new federal funding are to:
  - Help the education sector adapt to the COVID-19 environment, including by taking measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among students and staff; and

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- Support the needs of students and staff, including equipment for adapted learning environments, to meet public health and safety measures.
- Federal funding under the Safe Return to Class Fund is to address future costs in relation to adaptation and support for students and staff in the education sector.
- In order to support jurisdictions with their immediate needs while also ensuring levels of support are available through the school year, funding would be provided in two phases as follows:
  - Phase I: Will provide 50 per cent of total envelope (or \$1 billion) to provinces and territories in September 2020.
  - Phase II: Will provide provinces and territories with up to their remaining allocation of total funding (or \$1 billion) in early 2021, upon receipt by the Prime Minister of a letter from the Premier.
  - Funding will be allocated on an equal per capita aged 4-18 basis, with a \$2 million base amount provided to each jurisdiction.
- The Federal funding is allocated to BC based on the proportion of school-age students in the province. This includes BC resident students that are enrolled in Independent School Authorities (ISAs).

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## DISCUSSION:

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- In July 2020, EDUC received s.12 for up to \$45.6M to provide school districts (SDs) funding to support the safe return to full-time in-class learning in September 2020.

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**OPTIONS:**

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**RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE:**

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TBS Contact: Tiffany Ma/Sean La Guardia

Date: September 1, 2020

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**Ministry of Education (EDUC)**

**Federal Safe Restart Funding (394346)**

**Request:** s.12

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to support efforts in reopening schools and any further adaptations required during the school year to prepare for possible surges in COVID-19 cases. Upon approval, EDUC would implement and communicate its funding plan to school districts.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- BC will receive \$242.36M in 2020/21 from a federal fund which will be allocated in two phases; \$121.18M in each of September 2020 (Phase I) and January 2021 (Phase II), s.12

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- The Province recently announced \$45.6M allocated to school districts to support a Safe Restart through the Safe Return to Schools Grant. This provided funding to support schools in a safely reopening. s.12

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**Decision and Rationale:** s.12

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**Approved by:** Treasury Board

**TB Meeting Date:** September 9, 2020

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TB Minor Meeting Date: September 3, 2020  
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Honourable Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education  
Room 124 Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Colleague:

Re: Federal K-12 Safe Restart Funding Agreement

I am writing to inform you that <sup>s.12</sup>  
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Sincerely,

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Carole James  
Chair

cc: Scott MacDonald  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Education

Reg Bawa  
Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer  
Ministry of Education

## TREASURY BOARD STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

REQUEST NO.: 393088

T.B. MINOR MEETING DATE: JULY 24, 2020

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### TITLE: K-12 RETURN TO SCHOOL FUNDING

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#### ISSUE SUMMARY:

- The Ministry of Education (EDUC) is requesting approval <sup>s.12</sup>  
<sup>s.12</sup> to provide school districts (SDs) funding to support the safe return to full-time in-class learning in September 2020.  
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*Timelines*

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

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### CONTEXT:

- On June 1, 2020, EDUC transitioned from Stage 4 to Stage 3 of its K-12 Restart Plan, which targeted 50% school density for grades K-5 and 20% school density targets for grades 6-12. In many cases, actual classroom density was below these targets, decreasing risks of virus spread associated with congregation of many students.
- When the K-12 Restart Plan was announced, EDUC had informed SDs of the expectation to manage incremental costs within operating grant funding or through the use of accumulated surplus. SDs were able to follow these parameters, and the ministry reports that some districts experienced cost savings due to limited delivery of in-class instruction.
- At the start of the 2020/21 school year, EDUC will transition to Stage 1 of its restart plan, with 100% school density targets. s.12

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### DISCUSSION:

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## RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE:

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TBS Contact: Sean La Guardia

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**TB Minor Meeting Date:** July 24, 2020

**Ministry of Education (EDUC)**

**K-12 Return to School Funding (393088)**

**Request:** EDUC requested approval <sup>s.12</sup>  
<sup>s.12</sup> to provide school districts (SDs) funding to support the safe return to full-time in-class learning in September.

**Discussion/Comments:**

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**Decision and Rationale:** <sup>s.12</sup>

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**Approved by:** Treasury Board

**TB Meeting Date:** July 30, 2020

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TB Minor Meeting Date: July 24, 2020  
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Honourable Rob Fleming  
Minister of Education  
Room 124 Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Colleague:

Re: K-12 Return to School Funding

I am writing to inform you that <sup>s.12</sup>  
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s.12 to support school districts in the transition to full-time in-class learning as  
part of B.C.'s Restart Plan.

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Sincerely,

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Carole James  
Chair

cc: See below Distribution List.

Distribution List:

cc: Scott MacDonald  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Education

Rcg Bawa  
Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer  
Ministry of Education

Tamara McLeod  
Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer  
Ministry of Education

## TREASURY BOARD STAFF BRIEFING NOTE

CLIFF NO: 485740  
REQUEST NO.: 03/22

MINOR MEETING DATE: JUNE 10, 2021

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### TITLE: K-12 EDUCATION SECTOR SEPTEMBER 2021 RECOVERY PLAN

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#### ISSUE SUMMARY:

- The Ministry of Education (EDUC) is seeking approval <sup>s.12</sup> to implement the K-12 Education Sector September 2021 Recovery Plan (the Recovery Plan).  
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#### *Timelines*

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

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## **CONTEXT:**

- PHO has confirmed COVID-19 health and safety measures will need to remain in place for the start of the 2021/22 school year, <sup>s.12</sup>

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- To meet this requirement, EDUC is developing a K-12 Education Sector September 2021 Recovery Plan (Recovery Plan), which will set out PHO guidelines for health and safety measures in K-12 schools. These guidelines are currently in draft and may evolve over the summer based on COVID-19 transmission rates.

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- The mandate letter for the Minister of Education includes a commitment to ensure quality public education continues to be delivered during and after the COVID-19 pandemic through implementation of appropriate guidelines to ensure safety.

## **DISCUSSION:**

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**OPTIONS:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**TBS Contact: Ben Bisset**

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## TREASURY BOARD MINOR MINUTE

CLIFF NO: 485740  
REQUEST NO.: 03/22

MINOR MEETING DATE: JUNE 10, 2021

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### TITLE: K-12 EDUCATION SECTOR SEPTEMBER 2021 RECOVERY PLAN

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#### REQUEST:

- The Ministry of Education (EDUC) requested approval<sup>s.12</sup> for the K-12 Education Sector September 2021 Recovery Plan (the Recovery Plan).

#### DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

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#### DECISION:

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Approved by: Treasury Board

TB Meeting Date: June 24, 2021

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Honourable Jennifer Whiteside  
Minister of Education  
Room 306 Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Colleague:

Re: K-12 Education Sector September 2021 Recovery Plan

I am writing to inform you that <sup>s.12</sup>

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s.12 for the K-12 Education Sector September 2021 Recovery Plan, s.12

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Sincerely,



Selina Robinson  
Chair

cc: Scott MacDonald  
Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Education

Reg Bawa  
Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Financial Officer  
Ministry of Education