

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

April 12, 2005

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: 2005-2006 Proposed Planning Base

ORIGINATOR: C. McCabe, Assistant to the Superintendent

RESOURCE
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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the framework of the planning base as outlined in this report be approved.
2. That the administration be authorized to adjust the resources in the planning base in accordance with the Alberta Education funding announcements contained in the April 2005 budget.
3. That the administration be authorized to proceed with allocations to schools and central decision units as outlined in the timeline approved by the board March 24, 2005.

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The Planning Base is a framework describing how financial resources are distributed throughout the district. The framework is composed of four parts:

1. Projected Revenue
2. District Level Expenditures (i.e., utilities, student transportation)
3. Resources Allocated to Central Decision Units
4. Resources Allocated to Schools

The 2005-2006 planning base is as follows:

Projected Revenue			\$ 622.2
Projected Expenditures	District Level Expenditures	\$ 145.2	
	Resources Allocated to Central DUs	\$ 40.0	
	Resources Allocated to Schools	\$ 437.0	
	Total	\$ 622.2	\$ 622.2
Balance			\$ 0

All of these figures are based on a 0 per cent increase to instructional and plant operations and maintenance funds. As these figures are preliminary only, when the provincial budget is announced, the figures will be adjusted to reflect the announced grant rates. Once adjustments are made to projected revenue and district level expenditures, the net percentage increase will be distributed to central decision units and schools.

Background

A description of each part is as follows:

1. Projected Revenue

The projected revenue available for 2005-2006 is \$622.2 M. This amount includes the use of \$3 M of the \$5.2 M surplus from 2003-2004 and the forecasted district revenue for 2005-2006. In determining the forecasted revenue for 2005-2006 (\$619.2 M) the following factors were taken into account:

- a. 0 per cent grant rate increase for 2005-2006
- b. Projected reduction in district enrolment of 223 students
- c. Additional Class Size Funding (\$3.4 M)
- d. March 22, 2005 one time centennial funding announcement (\$1.8 M)
- e. Reduced provincial grant for special needs students

2. District Level Expenditures

Some resources received by the district are designated for specific purposes. These resources are identified by the district as being district level expenditures and are immediately allocated to areas including: Debt Services, Edmonton Regional Educational Consulting Services (ERECS), English Language Learning Centre, Institutions/Early Education Sites, Metro Continuing Education, Personnel Supply Services, Professional Improvement Leaves, School Generated Funds, Student Transportation and Utilities. The total of district level expenditures in 2005-2006 is \$145.2 M.

3. Resources Allocated to Central Decision Units

After district level expenditures are removed, there is \$477 M available to be allocated. Approximately \$40 M (8.4 per cent) of these resources will be distributed to central decision units. This \$40 M represents an 8.1 per cent increase over the 2004-2005 allocations which was \$37 M. The increased funding (\$3 M) is to support central decision unit work that directly impacts student achievement, supports current infrastructure and/or enhances support to schools.

4. Resources Allocated to Schools

Approximately \$437 M will be allocated to schools. This represents 91.6 per cent of the resources available to be allocated after district level expenditures are removed and a 1.1 per cent increase over the 2004-2005 allocations which was \$432 M. Allocations for 2005-2006 will be based on the following assumptions:

- \$3.0 M class size funding will be distributed to grades K to 3 only
- \$1.8 M centennial funding will be allocated on a per pupil basis

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