

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

December 9, 2008

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee G. Rice, Conference Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #5 of the Conference Committee (From the Meeting Held December 2, 2008)

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Report #5 of the Conference Committee from the meeting held December 2, 2008 be received and considered.
2. That the revised District Planning Base (Table I) be approved.

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At the Board meeting held on November 25, 2008 trustees were informed that the District's unrestricted accumulated surplus as of August 31, 2008 was \$17.1 million. Given that \$3.8 million of these resources have already been incorporated into the 2008-2009 Expenditure Budget, there remains \$13.3 million still available for distribution. The administration has recommended that the remaining \$13.3 million be incorporated into the 2008-2009 Expenditure Budget and that the 2008-2009 Planning Base be revised to reflect additional resources to schools in the amount of \$8,102,000 and additional resources to central decision units in the amount of \$5,198,000.

The basis of the recommendation was to extend and accelerate the operational plans of schools and central decision units by targeting the unrestricted accumulated surplus resources to specific District needs within each of the District Priority areas. When deciding what specific needs required attention, the same criteria used to establish the 2008-2009 plans (i.e., support District vision, attend to needs of students at risk, address District infrastructure needs, etc.) were considered along with the degree that the required work addressed:

1. the District Operational Plan (Decision Unit 310);
2. a broad spectrum of District stakeholder interests;
3. one time expenditures that could not be funded through the regular allocation process; and
4. the sustainability of significant District projects or initiatives.

The table below depicts the recommended revised District Planning Base.

Table I

	2008-2009 Planning Base October 2008	2008-2009 Planning Base December 2008	Difference
PROJECTED REVENUE	\$ 748,063,000	\$ 748,063,000	\$ 0
2007-2008 Unrestricted Accumulated Surplus	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 17,100,000	\$ 13,300,000
Total	\$ 751,863,000	\$ 765,163,000	\$ 13,300,000
SCHOOLS /INSTITUTIONS	\$ 567,232,017	\$ 575,334,330	\$ 8,102,000
School Generated Funds	\$ 23,828,000	\$ 23,828,000	\$ 0
CENTRAL ALLOCATIONS	\$ 54,438,731	\$ 59,636,418	\$ 5,198,000
DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTED FUNDS			
Personnel Supply Services	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 8,200,000	\$ 0
Professional Improvement Leaves	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 0
Transportation	\$ 30,088,813	\$ 30,088,813	\$ 0
Metro	\$ 6,597,449	\$ 6,597,449	\$ 0
Debt Services	\$ 26,900,000	\$ 26,900,000	\$ 0
External Revenue	\$ 9,338,330	\$ 9,338,330	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 18,500,000	\$ 18,500,000	\$ 0
High Speed Network	\$ 1,389,660	\$ 1,389,660	\$ 0
DISTRICT LEVEL PRIORITY FUNDING			
Election	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 0
District Technology Projects	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
Public Consultation	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 0
School Cluster Support for English Language Learners	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
Aboriginal Task Force	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 0
District Level Foundation	\$ 460,000	\$ 460,000	\$ 0
Board Initiatives	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 0
TOTAL ALLOCATED	\$ 751,863,000	\$ 765,163,000	\$ 13,300,000

The additional resources to schools (\$8.1 M) will support initiatives such as the District's Reading Recovery Initiative (2008-2010), the District's Mathematics Professional Development Initiative (2008-2010) and a number of specific school programs.

The additional resources directed to central decision units (\$5.2 M) will go towards initiatives such as enhancing the safety and security of District facilities as well as preserving and replacing District assets in the Centre for Education, such as replacement of atrium skylights, elevator refurbishment and replacement of flooring.

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