

**DATE:** February 14, 2012

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Edgar Schmidt, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:** Small School by Necessity (Response to Trustee Request for Information #160)

**ORIGINATOR:** Brian J. Smith, Executive Director, Finance & Infrastructure

**RESOURCE STAFF:** Cheryl Hagen

**REFERENCE:** January 31, 2012 Board Meeting (Trustee Hoffman)

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### ISSUE

The following information was requested: Provide a brief report outlining the “small school by necessity” funding formula as defined by the province. Include a list of the 76 small schools as defined by the formula with the 33 schools the provincial definition defines as “small school by necessity” highlighted.

### BACKGROUND

Alberta Education’s *Funding Manual for School Authorities* sets out the calculations and formulas used to identify the Small School by Necessity (SSBN) allocation. The first set of calculations determines the provincial allocation based on the total number of small schools that have been identified to receive funding for either the “base” or “variable” allocations, or both. The “base” allocation is calculated as follows:

- each school with an FTE funded enrollment of 150 or fewer has a base allocation of \$86,550 (2011-2012 allocation rate)
- each school with an FTE funded enrollment of greater than 150, but fewer than 226, has a reduced allocation based on the difference between their enrollment and the 150 student cap

The next step determines if the small schools are considered “necessary” based on transportation to nearby schools according to the following rules. A small school will be determined “necessary” if any of the following conditions **are not met**:

- the distance from the small school to the receiving school must be within 6 km
- the receiving school must have the capacity to accommodate the additional students (85% of school building capacity)
- the small school can be designated to a maximum of 2 receiving schools per grade configuration, i.e. ECS to Grade 6, Grades 7 – 9, and Grades 10 – 12

In addition, Closed Necessary Schools receive an allocation up to 5 years after school closure (2010-2011 - \$275,000).

The chart below sets out the SSBN funding received from the province over the past three years:

<b>2008-2009</b>	\$3.7 million
<b>2009-2010</b>	\$3.3 million
<b>2010-2011</b>	\$3.2 million

**CURRENT SITUATION**

In 2010-2011, the total calculation of small schools allocation would have been \$6.6 million; however, the provincial funding framework deemed that, out of our 76 small schools, only 43% or 33 schools, were considered to be small schools by necessity, which adjusted the funding allocation down to \$3.2 million.

The charts below provide a breakdown of the funding received in 2010-2011 based on the number of small schools, small schools by necessity, and closed schools:

<b>Total Base &amp; Variable Allocation</b>	\$6,632,833
<b>Number of Small Schools</b>	76
<b>Number of Small Schools by Necessity</b>	33
<b>Percentage</b>	43.4%

<b>Small School by Necessity Allocation</b>	\$2,880,046
<b>Closed School</b>	\$274,683
<b>Final Small Schools by Necessity Allocation</b>	\$3,154,729

**KEY POINTS**

- Small School by Necessity (SSBN) funding is based on a series of calculations
- In 2010-2011, 76 schools were deemed as small schools while only 33 of those were considered small schools by necessity
- For 2010-2011, the District’s SSBN funding was \$3.2 million

**ATTACHMENT**

Attachment I      2010-2011 Small Schools and Small Schools by Necessity Allocation

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## Edmonton School District No. 7 2010-2011 Allocation

### SMALL SCHOOLS

School Name	Total Enrolment	Total Small School Allocation
Abbott School	189.5	\$41,567
Athlone School	139.5	\$120,407
Beacon Heights School	99	\$203,254
Belgravia School	132.5	\$140,146
Belmead School	205.5	\$23,346
Belvedere School	158	\$77,439
Brightview School	173.5	\$59,788
Britannia School	162	\$112,051
Brookside School	192	\$38,720
Calder School	138	\$124,827
Callingwood Elementary School	213	\$14,805
Clara Tyner School	158.5	\$76,870
Coronation School	138	\$124,827
Donnan School	203	\$26,193
Duggan School	112.5	\$184,063
Ekota School	176.5	\$56,371
Elmwood School	162.5	\$72,315
Forest Heights School	212.5	\$15,374
Fraser School	176	\$56,941
Glendale School	108.5	\$190,628
Glenora School	175	\$58,080
Gold Bar School	138	\$124,827
Grovenor School	93.5	\$208,657
Hazeldean School	181	\$51,247
Highlands School	204	\$38,660
Hillview School	198	\$31,887
Homesteader School	213	\$14,805
Horse Hill School	88	\$212,662
Inglewood School	132	\$141,470
Jackson Heights Elementary	222	\$4,555
James Gibbons School	94	\$208,224
John Barnett School	146.5	\$98,402
Kameyosek School	106	\$194,355
King Edward School	146	\$100,049
Lansdowne School	170.5	\$63,204
Lauderdale School	155.5	\$80,287
Lawton School	151	\$128,842
Lee Ridge School	224	\$2,278
Lendrum School	101	\$200,943
Lynnwood School	209	\$19,360
Major General Griesbach School	217	\$18,843
Malcolm Tweddle School	180	\$52,386
Mayfield School	152	\$84,272
McArthur School	144.5	\$104,920
McKee School	210	\$18,221
Mee-Yah-Noh School	194.5	\$35,873
Menisa School	161.5	\$73,454
Mill Creek School	175.5	\$57,510
Montrose School	166	\$68,329
Mount Royal School	100.5	\$201,538
Northmount School	127	\$154,067
Norwood School	183.5	\$48,400
Oliver School	221	\$5,694
Parkallen School	197.5	\$32,456
Princeton School	127.5	\$152,859
Queen Alexandra School	96.5	\$205,883
Rideau Park School	205	\$23,915
Riverdale School	63	\$166,823
Rundle School	191	\$39,859
Rutherford School	122	\$165,508
Sakaw School	193	\$37,581
Scott Robertson School	185.5	\$46,122
Sherwood School	87	\$213,239
Steinhauer School	198.5	\$31,317
Sweet Grass School	196.5	\$33,595
Tevie Miller Heritage School	149.5	\$211,030
The Academy at King Edward	251	\$118,385
Thorncliffe School	155	\$80,856
Tipaskan School	211	\$17,082
Virginia Park School	147	\$96,743
Waverley School	169	\$64,913
Westglen School	194	\$36,442
Westmount School	197	\$51,913
Windsor Park School	148	\$93,392
York School	198	\$31,887
Youngstown School	213	\$14,805
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