

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATOR: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services

RESOURCE  
STAFF: Randy Leal, Dean Power

INFORMATION

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #264, MARCH 11, 2003 (TRUSTEE NICHOLSON) PROVIDE CLARIFICATION OF HOW STAGGERED ENTRY AND ALTERNATE DAYS SMALL-GROUP INSTRUCTION AFFECTS THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE EACH KINDERGARTEN STUDENT ACCESS TO 475 HOURS OF INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES.** Staggered entry and small groups are included as a part of the 475 hours therefore, not all children will receive 475 hours but the class will receive 475 hours. This is consistent with Alberta Learning regulations. (B. Holt, 429-8267)

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #265, MARCH 11, 2003 (TRUSTEE DEAN) PROVIDE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS AND HOW MANY OF THOSE STUDENTS WERE SUCCESSFUL.** Over the past four school years, a total of 1165 students have been involved in 16 random selections district-wide. In the current year, 372 students were involved in random selections and in each of the previous three years, an average of approximately 200-300 students were involved. Schools report only the number of students being identified for the random selection process and do not report the number of vacant spaces that are to be filled. As a consequence, the number of students selected for placement is not known. (R. Leal, 429-8441)

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #269 MARCH 11, 2003 (TRUSTEE ODYNSKI) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S DEFICIT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE.** In 1999, the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) prepared a plan, approved by the Minister of Learning, to eliminate its unrestricted operating deficit (\$26,000,000) over a ten-year period, ending August 31, 2010. This accumulated deficit at August 31, 2002 is \$20.6 million. (D. Power, 429-8141)

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