

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: E. Dosdall, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information  
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RESOURCE

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INFORMATION

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #320, APRIL 23, 2001 (TRUSTEE NICHOLSON) ARE THERE OTHER SCHOOLS BESIDES ELLERSLIE, WINTERBURN AND DONNAN TO WHICH THE AMENDMENT TO THE STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEES WOULD APPLY?** There are no other exact situations to which the amendment would apply. There are, however, other similar situations where elementary students can access yellow bus service at \$5 per month one year and may travel on the same buses the following year at the junior high level at \$20 per month. For example, students residing in the rural attendance areas of Ellerslie, Winterburn and Horse Hill Elementary/Junior High Schools. In which case, students attend the same designated school at the junior high level as they did at the elementary level. Another similar situation involves students who attend a different designated school at the junior high level than at the elementary level but travel to and from school on the same buses. For example, students residing in the Whitemud Oaks neighborhood and attending Brander Gardens at the elementary level and attending Riverbend Junior High School at the junior high level. (R. Craig, 429-8434)

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #326, MAY 8, 2001 (TRUSTEE GIBEAULT) PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS ARE GUARANTEED FUNDING AND ON WHAT BASIS.** To ensure that schools that have been identified as district sites for special needs students are able to plan for program delivery, the guaranteed enrolment concept was recommended by the Basis of Allocation for implementation in the fall of 1997.

All approved special needs district sites for levels 5 to 8 are eligible for a guaranteed enrolment for each approved class. District sites providing programming for students at level 5 and level 6 are guaranteed 12 allocations, while sites providing programming for students at levels 7 and 8 are guaranteed 7 allocations.

**For example:**

A district opportunity site (level 5) has 10 students registered on September 30<sup>th</sup>. As a result of guaranteed enrolment, they would receive two additional level 5 allocations for a total of 12 level 5 allocations. If and when these two positions are filled the school would not receive additional funds. However, schools can determine the number of students beyond 12 (or 7, for levels 7 to 8) that they will accept into their district special needs classes. (M-E. Deising, 429-8063)

**TRUSTEE REQUEST #327, MAY 8, 2001 (TRUSTEE NICHOLSON) WHAT IS THE DISTRICT'S INVENTORY OF PORTABLES?** There are currently 136 free-standing portable classrooms in the district. The inventory of portables has been reduced in the last three years as classrooms have reached the end of their useful lifetime. The district disposed of 10 portable classrooms and one semi-permanent four-classroom pod in 1998, 20 portable classrooms in 1999, and 15 portable classrooms in 2000. This makes a total of 49 classrooms that have been approved for disposal by Alberta Infrastructure over the past three years. (R. Craig, 429-8399)

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