

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May 8, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dodsall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Revised 2001-2002 Non-Resident and International Students

ORIGINATOR: G. Reynolds, Department Head

RESOURCE

STAFF: Mary-Ellen Deising, Dean Power, Eila Stenberg

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the following costs which form the basis for establishing the resources to be recovered as part of agreements entered into with other Alberta school jurisdictions to provide educational programs for their resident students be approved:

Level	Category of Student	Total Cost*	Net Cost*
Level 4	Academic Transition, Mild Academic Disability, Terra	6,071	992
Level 5	Communication, Hearing, Learning, Mild Mental, Moderate Academic, Moderate Emotional/Behavioral, Multiple & Visual	9,426	4,249
Level 6	Physical, Medical, Moderate Mental Disability	10,522	5,314
Level 7	Severe Emotional/Behavioral Disability	17,977	1,281
Level 7	Blindness, Deafness, Multiple, Physical, Severe Mental Disability	17,977	0
Level 8	Autistic, Blindness, Deafness, Multiple, Physical or Medical, Severe Mental Disability, Woodside	25,174	6,355
All	Transportation	Cost	Cost

* These amounts reflect the average cost and do not include the cost of additional services that may be unique to individual student programming.

2. That a Non-Alberta Student Fee equal to the total cost per student, plus \$500 be approved.

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At the April 10, 2001 board meeting, the 2001-02 Non-Resident Fee report, attached here as Appendix II, was approved. On April 24th, the provincial budget was announced and it included additional grant revenues for school districts. These grant changes will ultimately be seen at the school level as increased allocations. The calculation of program costs is based on the allocations to schools and central services. It was therefore deemed prudent to amend the fees for 2001-02

At the present time it has not been determined how the forecast allocation rates will change. In order to reflect the increased dollars in the calculated costs, we have added three per cent to the previously calculated total cost. The increase in the revenue forecast as a result of the budget announcement is \$14.8 million and includes the additional one half per cent on the grant rates, the four per cent on teacher salaries and the enhancement to transportation. The \$14.8 million is three per cent of the projected Alberta Learning funding prior to the budget announcement. There is no change in the net cost calculation because it is assumed that the allocations will go up by the same amount as the grants. See Appendix I.

Total costs are charged to all newly sponsored special needs students. This basis was first used for severe special needs students in 1999-2000 and is being extended to all new sponsorships in 2000-01. This places the responsibility on the home jurisdiction to complete the necessary assessments and testing to ensure that the required diagnosis of disability is in place to meet funding criteria. Total cost must also be charged to all non-Alberta students, as Alberta Learning does not fund these students.

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APPENDIX I - Revised 2001-2002 Net Program Costs

APPENDIX II - 2001-2002 Non-Resident Fee Report dated April 10, 2001