EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: E. Dosdall, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATOR: G. Reynolds, Department Head

RESOURCE

STAFF: Deanna Patsula, Dean Power, Don Ward

INFORMATION

REQUEST #315, FEBRUARY 27, 2001 (TRUSTEE NICHOLSON) PROVIDE COMPARABLE INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN THE EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SECTOR MODEL REPORT REGARDING EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. The attached maps (Appendix I) show the sector model for Edmonton Public Schools and Edmonton Catholic Schools, along with the draft new provincial utilization rates for each sector. All of the outer boundaries of the proposed sectors for Edmonton Public Schools and Edmonton Catholic Schools are coterminous. In the north, two of Edmonton Public Schools' sectors, the Northwest and the North Central, equal one of Edmonton Catholic Schools' sectors, the North. Both jurisdictions agreed to this on the basis that Edmonton Catholic Schools had too few school facilities west of 97 Street and north of 137 Avenue to warrant a sector boundary along 97 Street. Conversely, Edmonton Public Schools felt that combining the Northwest and North Central into one would create a sector that was too large in terms of capacity needing to be addressed. (D. Patsula 429-8004)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #321 APRIL 23, 2001, (TRUSTEE NICHOLSON) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS RECOVERED FROM INSTANCES OF VANDALISM. The amounts recovered in the last four years and the current year to date are:

-1996/97	\$390.00
-1997/98	\$100.00
-1998/99	\$1306.03
-1999/00	\$1482.28
-2000/01 (to date)	\$451.07

The restitution noted above includes those amounts which have been formally processed and recorded. Restitution may take other forms at the school level such as "school service", which allows the "offender" to render services to the school in lieu of moneys paid. The particular circumstances would determine when and if this method would be used. In order to enforce claims for restitution, the circumstances of the vandalism and the perpetrators must be established without doubt. (D. Ward, 429-8294)

REQUEST #322, APRIL 23, 2001 (TRUSTEE BONKO) - PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF BUSES THE DISTRICT CURRENTLY OWNS. ARE WE AS VIGILANT IN TERMS OF SAFETY STANDARDS AS WE ARE WITH PRIVATE OPERATORS? The schools in the district own 37 buses. These vehicles vary from a capacity of 15 passengers to 72 passengers. All the buses, except eight are operated by the district's high schools.

The district is diligent in ensuring that we meet Alberta Infrastructure Transportation Regulations. The following process is followed:

- register and carry on each bus, a copy of the operating authority certificate
- register and carry on each bus a copy of the safety fitness certificate
- each school ensures that a bus inspection certificate is completed every six months.

(D. Power, 429-8141)

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APPENDIX I – Proposed Sectors for Edmonton Public Schools