

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November 13, 2001

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information
ORIGINATORS: K. Dropko, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
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RESOURCE
STAFF: Mary-Ellen Deising, Anne Sherwood

INFORMATION

REQUEST #2 (#325), MAY 8, 2001 (TRUSTEE NICHOLSON) – HOW MUCH IN TOTAL IS THE DISTRICT SUBSIDIZING FUNDING LEVELS 4 TO 8 STUDENTS?

The total funding and incremental expenditure on level 3 to 8 for the year ended August 31, 2000, as reported in the Audited Financial Statements to Alberta Learning, was:

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| Total Funding | \$ 40,215,506 |
| Total Expenditure | <u>45,948,570</u> |
| Excess of Expenditure over Funding | <u>\$ 5,733,064</u> |

Level 3 funding and expenditure has been included in these amounts, since level 3 to 8 included mild, moderate and severe special needs. The expenditure reported on the financial statements was compiled from information supplied by schools based on what they considered to be reasonable cost allocation.

However, these numbers reflect the total amount of funding compared to expenditures as reported by schools, but does not reflect our allocation system. Within the basis of allocation the additive amount that schools receive for students in levels 3 to 8 is \$36,262,600. When looking at the total district revenue for mild, moderate and severe students we received \$40,215,506, for a difference of \$3,952,906. The schools expenditure reporting clearly shows that a significant sum is spent on providing modified programming for students that are not coded under our system. The level one funding is intended to provide schools with the flexibility to program for these students. (M. Deising, 429-8063)

REQUEST #5, OCTOBER 23, 2001 (TRUSTEE GIBEAULT) PREPARE AN INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE BOARD ON DIFFERENT FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS THAT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO BODIES SIMILAR TO EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FOR CALGARY BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE CANDIDATES AND CITY OF EDMONTON COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES. Under the Local Authorities Election Act Section 118 (2): An elected authority may by by-law passed prior to April 15 in a year in which a general election is held require that candidates prepare and disclose to the public audited statements of all their campaign contributions and campaign expenses.

A request was made through the Alberta School Board Officials Association for information on boards that might have a by-law or resolution under the Local Authorities Election Act requiring trustee candidates to prepare and disclose to the public audited statements of all their campaign contributions and expenses. The Calgary (Public) Board of Education is the only school jurisdiction that we are aware of that has such a by-law.

Attached as Appendix I is a copy of Calgary Board of Education's by-law and disclosure statement for campaign contributions and campaign expenses. Appendix II is a copy of the City of Edmonton's disclosure by-law and sample statement.

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APPENDIX I: Calgary Board Of Education By-Law - Public Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Campaign Expenses

APPENDIX II: City of Edmonton Disclosure Bylaw