

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: G. Reynolds, Department Head

RESOURCE

STAFF: Mary-Ellen Deising, Dean Power

INFORMATION

REQUEST #19, NOVEMBER 13, 2001 (TRUSTEE MARTIN) – HAS EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDED INPUT REGARDING ALBERTA GOVERNMENT’S FUTURE SUMMIT TO EXPLORE A DEBT-FREE ALBERTA WORKBOOK? IF NOT, SHOULD INPUT BE PROVIDED? On October 11, 2001 Mary-Ellen Deising, Director of Budget Services, attended the Alberta Government's Future Summit on behalf of the superintendent. This day was set aside to receive input from a cross section of the private and public sector. After a 30-minute overview, attendees broke into groups of 15, and with the assistance of two facilitators provided input on all aspects included in the summit workbook. Although the summit was predicated on the early retirement of the provincial debt, the attendees were instructed to determine priorities “when” Alberta becomes debt free.

Although there was only one other person representing an educational institution in the breakout group, it was very encouraging that after a full day of process, the group determined that the top priorities for the province should be a well-educated and healthy citizenry. (M. Deising, 429-8063)

REQUEST #20, NOVEMBER 13, 2001, (TRUSTEE WOODROW) - WHAT WERE THE NUMBERS OF DISTRICT AND OUT-OF-DISTRICT REGISTRANTS AT THE CONFERENCE RECENTLY ARRANGED BY THE BOOK DEPOSITORY? DID THE BOOK DEPOSITORY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THEIR SALES AS A RESULT OF THIS CONFERENCE? Of the 131 delegates registered for the conference, 14 were from Edmonton Public Schools. The majority of registrants came from various rural locations within Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Sales to date as a result of the conference are \$8,900. Sales will increase as a result of exposure to the resources available from the Teachers’ Book Depository in the areas of classroom and behaviour management. (D. Power, 429-8141)

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