



December 9, 2005

School Board Chairs
Superintendents of Schools

Re: District Grant - (\$50/FTE Student)

I am pleased to announce that the Ministry of Education will be distributing a one-time grant of \$50 per school-aged FTE to each British Columbia school district. The funding for this grant arises from savings resulting from the recent labour disruption in the education sector.

A list of the grants, by school district, is attached. The grant is intended to assist school districts to meet their commitments to improve student achievement.

School districts should treat textbooks and learning resources as the first priority for this grant.

To receive the funds, each district must submit a Spending Plan to the Ministry of Education. The Spending Plan must:

- Demonstrate how the funds will contribute to improved student achievement in their district and describe the measures used to monitor improvement.
- Describe the type of expenditures, such as:
 - textbooks and learning resources
 - lab equipment
 - computers
 - school libraries
 - special education assessments
 - literacy programs
 - drug awareness programs
 - healthy schools
 - staff resources
- Guarantee that the funds will be expended by March 31, 2006. Funds not spent by March 31 revert to the Ministry of Education.
- Be developed in partnership with the broader parent community and staff.
- Be signed off by the superintendent of schools and the community's education partners.
- Be received by the Ministry of Education no later than January 10, 2006.

Please submit the school district Spending Plan to the Accountability Department, Ministry of Education, c/o Michele Irvine, Michele.Irvine@gov.bc.ca or Fax 250-356-2011

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond
Minister
Deputy Premier

Attachment

District Grant (\$50/FTE Student)

School District	2005/06	Distribution
	School-Age FTE	\$50
5 Southeast Kootenay	5,652.1875	282,609
6 Rocky Mountain	3,462.8750	173,144
8 Kootenay Lake	5,352.7500	267,639
10 Arrow Lakes	644.0000	32,200
19 Revelstoke	1,217.5000	60,875
20 Kootenay-Columbia	4,536.2500	226,814
22 Vernon	8,974.6875	448,734
23 Central Okanagan	21,191.5000	1,059,576
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	6,094.1250	304,707
28 Quesnel	3,958.9062	197,945
33 Chilliwack	12,020.7500	601,038
34 Abbotsford	18,912.8750	945,646
35 Langley	18,722.6863	936,135
36 Surrey	61,870.0013	3,093,501
37 Delta	16,389.6651	819,483
38 Richmond	22,250.5530	1,112,529
39 Vancouver	55,485.3279	2,774,267
40 New Westminster	5,990.4695	299,524
41 Burnaby	23,457.9708	1,172,899
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	14,499.0178	724,952
43 Coquitlam	30,401.5930	1,520,079
44 North Vancouver	16,854.9446	842,747
45 West Vancouver	6,022.5000	301,125
46 Sunshine Coast	3,769.0000	188,449
47 Powell River	2,491.5000	124,575
48 Howe Sound	4,141.1875	207,060
49 Central Coast	271.3750	13,569
50 Haida Gwaii/Q. Charlotte	748.7500	37,438
51 Boundary	1,725.8750	86,294
52 Prince Rupert	2,645.6875	132,284
53 Okanagan Similkameen	2,793.3750	139,669
54 Bulkley Valley	2,549.0625	127,454
57 Prince George	15,198.7288	759,937
58 Nicola-Similkameen	2,720.9689	136,048
59 Peace River South	4,457.1000	222,855
60 Peace River North	5,684.6250	284,231
61 Greater Victoria	19,498.9064	974,946
62 Sooke	8,500.5000	425,025
63 Saanich	8,188.8750	409,443
64 Gulf Islands	1,547.1875	77,359
67 Okanagan Skaha	6,971.2875	348,565
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	14,971.5000	748,576
69 Qualicum	4,918.7500	245,937
70 Alberni	4,469.0000	223,450
71 Comox Valley	9,052.5625	452,628
72 Campbell River	6,036.7500	301,838
73 Kamloops/Thompson	14,949.6875	747,484
74 Gold Trail	1,775.8750	88,795
75 Mission	6,952.1250	347,607
78 Fraser-Cascade	2,186.3750	109,319
79 Cowichan Valley	9,270.0000	463,500
81 Fort Nelson	1,052.5000	52,625
82 Coast Mountains	5,747.6250	287,382
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	7,388.1250	369,408
84 Vancouver Island West	440.1250	22,007
85 Vancouver Island North	1,740.5625	87,028
87 Stikine	273.1250	13,656
91 Nechako Lakes	5,008.5000	250,426
92 Nisga'a	459.5000	22,975
93 Conseil Scolaire Francophone	3,555.6350	177,782
Provincial Total	558,115.4496	27,905,792

Distribution of \$50 per School-Age FTE, based on September 30, 2005 Enrolment