
BACKGROUND

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Ministry of Education

\$56 MILLION FOR SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS

The Province will provide one-time funding of \$50 per student for each public school. There are approximately 1,600 public schools in B.C.

Schools must develop a spending plan in consultation with school planning councils, the broader parent community and school staff. The plan must be approved by the principal, a staff representative, a parent representative and the school district.

In addition, all 60 school districts will receive one-time funding of \$50 per school-aged student. School districts are to focus the funding on textbooks and learning resources as the first priority. Districts must develop a spending plan in partnership with the broader parent community and district staff. The plan must be approved by education partners.

Funding for schools and districts will be allocated based on the Sept. 30 final school-age enrolment figures for 2005/06. Districts must submit school and district spending plans to the Ministry of Education by Jan. 10, 2006.

The school and district plans must:

- Demonstrate how the funds will help improve student achievement in their school or district and describe how the district will monitor improvement.
- Describe the type of expenditures, such as: textbooks, learning resources, lab equipment, computers, school libraries, special education assessments, new programs and staff.
- Guarantee that the funding will be spent by March 31, 2006. Funds not spent by then will revert to the Ministry of Education.

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