

## SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES *FUNDING MANUAL FOR SCHOOL AUTHORITIES* *2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR*

The following are the significant content changes that have been made to the *2011/2012 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. Some of these changes may not apply to all school authority types. These changes are indicated throughout the manual with the words “Revised” or “New” in the left side margin of the page.

### 1. Funding Rate Changes – ,as of November 24, 2011

#### Sections 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3

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- Per students rates for Base Instruction and Home Education increase by 4.54 per cent
- Per student rates for Class Size (ECS and grades 1 to 3) increase by 4.54 per cent
- Credit Enrolment Unit (CEU) rates for tiers 1, 2 and 3 increase by 4.54 per cent
- The Base Instruction component of the Designated Special Education Private Schools (DSEPS) rates increase by 4.54 per cent
- The addition of a new grant called Fuel Price Contingency Funding.
- Per student rates for the Alberta Initiative for Student Improvement (AIS) decrease by 50 per cent
- SuperNet Service funding increased from \$503.50 to \$700 per site effective January 1, 2012 for school jurisdictions. Corresponding increases will also apply for private ECS operator and Private Schools.
- With the exception of changes listed below, all remaining rates are unchanged from the 2010/2011 school year.

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### 2. Funding Allocation Changes

- The following allocations have been discontinued effective September 1, 2011:
  - Grades 4 to 6 Class Size Funding
  - Enhanced ESL/Enhanced Francisation Funding
  - Intra-Jurisdiction Distance Funding
  - Enrolment Growth Funding
  - Enrolment Decline Funding
- Allocations that completed their three year cycle on August 31, 2011:
  - CTS Equipment Evergreening Funding
  - Innovative Classroom Technology Funding
- The following sections in the Manual have been **modified** as these funding allocations have changed effective September 1, 2011.
  - **Sections 1.12 and 3.9** – Relative Cost of Purchasing Adjustment – this grant is reduced by 50 per cent for the 2011/2012 school year and will be discontinued on September 1, 2012.
  - **Section 1.16** – Stabilization Funding – this grant is reduced by 50 per cent for the 2011/2012 school year and will be discontinued on September 1, 2012.

### 3. Other Changes

- **Section 1.2 – Base Instruction Funding** - (Page 15 ) – Allocation Criteria 8(g) has been clarified to state the exceptions to when block CEU funding is provided for ESL students.
- **Section 1.3 – Severe Disabilities Profile Funding – School Jurisdictions** (Page 20 ) – this section has been labeled as “Under Review”. School jurisdictions will receive the same allocation in 2011/2012 as they did in 2010/2011.
- **Section 3.3 – Severe Disabilities Funding – Private Schools and Charter Schools** (Page 60 ) – this section has been labeled as “Under Review”. Private schools and charter schools will continue to follow the funding process used in the 2010/2011 school year.
- **Glossary of Terms**

The following definitions have been added to the Glossary:

- *Accumulated Operating Deficit* (AOD)
- *Annual Operating Deficit*

The following definitions have been revised in the Glossary to improve clarity only:

- *Declaration of Management* – the form submitted by school jurisdictions has been amended to state that management has annually reviewed and approved the management controls related to the funding submissions of Credit Enrolment Unit (CEU) information.
- *Funded Student* – condition #4 has been revised to reflect the exception of out-of province students attending an Alberta school.
- *Independent Student* – condition #2(a) has reverted to its original definition to align it better with the one in the *School Act*.

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