

# Summary of Significant Changes

## Funding Manual for School Authorities 2018/19 School Year

The following are the significant content changes made to the *2018/19 Funding Manual for School Authorities*. Some of these changes may not apply to all school authority types. Changes are indicated throughout the manual with the words “Revised” or “New” in the left side margin of the page.

### Section 9.1 – School Jurisdiction Funding Rates

- For the 2018/19 school year, all funding rates remain the same as for 2017/18.

### Section 9.2 – Private ECS Operators Funding Rates

- For the 2018/19 school year, all funding rates remain the same as for 2017/18.

### Section 9.3 – Accredited Funded Private Schools Funding Rates

- For the 2018/19 school year, all funding rates remain the same as for 2017/18.

### Glossary Definition – Funded Child

- In anticipation of the 2020/21 change to age of access to kindergarten (5 years at December 31), and to ensure alignment through the ECS system, the age of funding eligibility for children with severe disability/delay has been changed from 2 years 6 months to 2 years 8 months.

### Section 1.2 – Grades 1-12 Base Instruction Funding

- Update included for Local Authorities Pension Plan (LAPP) under Fees and Deductions section within 1.2. LAPP made the decision to reduce employer and employee contributions rates by 1% effective January 1, 2018.

### Section 1.5 – ECS Program Unit Funding (PUF)

- PUF Budget/Actual forms have been updated and must be used in the submission process. (see form section)

### Section 4.5 – Innovation in First Nations Education

- Continuation of the Building Collaboration and Capacity in Education (BCCE) grant program will occur through a second phase called Innovation in First Nations Education (IFNE). The new IFNE grant program is designed to increase opportunities for First Nations students to receive coordinated education supports and services that are responsive to their needs. First Nations, First Nation Education Authorities, Tribal Councils and provincial school jurisdictions with Education Services (or Tuition) Agreements with First Nations and First Nation schools are eligible to apply for this program.

### Section 4.7 – First Nation ESA Standards

- Standards are currently under development.

### Section 6.9 – Classroom Improvement Fund

- The grant expires August 31, 2018 as per the current collective agreement. The future of this program is under review.

### Section 7.1 – Education Programs in an Institution (EPI)

- Forms have been updated in relation to this section to include a more comprehensive Alberta Education revenue offset in the final funding calculation. The calculation of net program costs will now be based on total costs less specified grant revenue

## Section 8.1 – School Facilities (School Jurisdiction)

- Capital payments for school facilities (construction projects and modernizations) will be processed by Alberta Infrastructure effective April 1, 2018.

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