



# The Board of Education of School District No. 83

## BRIEFING NOTE

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**TO:** The Board of Education  
**FROM:** Jeremy Hunt, Acting Secretary-Treasurer  
**RE:** **2026-27 Preliminary Operating Grant Update**

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**DATE:** April 21, 2026

### Purpose

This briefing note is to provide an update to the Board on the preliminary operating grant for the 2026-27 school year.

### Summary

Each year in mid-March the Ministry of Education and Child Care prepares a preliminary operating grant announcement and funding tables. The District's funding is based on the enrolment projections submitted to the Ministry on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

The following is an analysis of the operating grant reflecting that the per pupil rates remain unchanged from 2025/26 as well as any changes in student enrolment. The District requires this information to prepare the Annual Budget which must be submitted annually by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Recommendation

For information purposes; no action required.

Respectfully submitted,

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**School District NO. 83 (K̓wsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw)**  
**Ministry of Education and Child Care Operating Grant Summary**  
**2027 Annual Budget**

| <b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>                       | <b>2027<br/>Annual Budget</b> | <b>2026<br/>Amended Budget</b> | <b>Change from Amended<br/>Budget</b> | <b>Rate Change</b> | <b>Enrolment Change</b> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>FTE September Enrolment</b>              | 6,571.5000                    | 6,726.2500                     | (154.7500)                            | \$ -               | (154.7500)              |
| <b>Enrolment Based Funding</b>              |                               |                                |                                       |                    |                         |
| Standard (Regular) Schools                  | 58,869,996                    | 60,204,424                     | (1,334,428)                           | -                  | (1,334,428)             |
| Continuing Education                        | -                             | -                              | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| Alternate Schools                           | 372,077                       | 432,720                        | (60,643)                              | -                  | (60,643)                |
| Online Learning                             | -                             | -                              | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| Home Schooling                              | 14,000                        | 14,000                         | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| Course Challenges                           | 2,256                         | 2,256                          | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                            | <b>59,258,329</b>             | <b>60,653,400</b>              | <b>(1,395,071)</b>                    | <b>-</b>           | <b>(1,395,071)</b>      |
| <b>Supplement for Enrolment Decline</b>     | 394,393                       | 92,865                         | 301,528                               | 301,528            | -                       |
| <b>Inclusive Education</b>                  |                               |                                |                                       |                    |                         |
| level 1                                     | 205,200                       | 205,200                        | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| level 2                                     | 11,658,860                    | 12,243,020                     | (584,160)                             | -                  | (584,160)               |
| level 3                                     | 922,500                       | 1,045,500                      | (123,000)                             | -                  | (123,000)               |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                            | <b>12,786,560</b>             | <b>13,493,720</b>              | <b>(707,160)</b>                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>(707,160)</b>        |
| <b>Additional Enrolment Based</b>           |                               |                                |                                       |                    |                         |
| July Count (Summer Learning)                | -                             | -                              | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| Feb Count                                   | 134,000                       | 179,530                        | (45,530)                              | -                  | (45,530)                |
| May Count                                   | -                             | -                              | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                            | <b>134,000</b>                | <b>179,530</b>                 | <b>(45,530)</b>                       | <b>-</b>           | <b>(45,530)</b>         |
| <b>English Language Learning</b>            | 145,200                       | 148,830                        | (3,630)                               | -                  | (3,630)                 |
| <b>Indigenous Education</b>                 | 2,199,910                     | 2,248,240                      | (48,330)                              | -                  | (48,330)                |
| <b>Adult Education</b>                      | -                             | -                              | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| <b>Equity of Opportunity</b>                | 297,665                       | 294,837                        | 2,828                                 | 2,828              | -                       |
| <b>Salary Differential</b>                  | 547,239                       | 560,124                        | (12,885)                              | (12,885)           | -                       |
| <b>Unique Geographical Factor</b>           | 10,828,790                    | 10,898,754                     | (69,964)                              | (69,964)           | -                       |
| <b>Funding Protection</b>                   | 606,822                       | -                              | 606,822                               | 606,822            | -                       |
| <b>Curriculum and Learning Support Fund</b> | 60,536                        | 61,335                         | (799)                                 | (799)              | -                       |
| <b>Indigenous Education Council</b>         | 41,733                        | 111,145                        | (69,412)                              | (69,412)           | -                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                | <b>87,301,177</b>             | <b>88,742,780</b>              | <b>(1,441,603)</b>                    | <b>758,118</b>     | <b>(2,199,721)</b>      |
| <b>Labour Settlement Funding</b>            | -                             | -                              | -                                     | -                  | -                       |
| <b>Equivalent Full Year Grant</b>           | <b>87,301,177</b>             | <b>88,742,780</b>              | <b>(1,441,603)</b>                    | <b>758,118</b>     | <b>(2,199,721)</b>      |

**Summary of 2026/27 Preliminary Operating Grant Announcement**

The operating grant block is projected to decrease by \$25.9 million to \$7.242 billion in 2026/27, as most districts estimate their enrolment will decline in the upcoming school year.

There are no changes to the operating grant rates or formulae for 2026/27; per student funding rates remain unchanged from 2025/26:

| Supplement                                                              | 2026/27 Rates |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Basic Allocation (Standard, Continuing Education and Alternate schools) | \$9,015       |
| Basic Allocation (Online Learning)                                      | \$7,280       |
| Inclusive Education – Level 1                                           | \$51,300      |
| Inclusive Education – Level 2                                           | \$24,340      |
| Inclusive Education – Level 3                                           | \$12,300      |
| English/French Language Learning                                        | \$1,815       |
| Indigenous Education                                                    | \$1,790       |
| Adult Education                                                         | \$5,755       |
| Summer Learning (Grades 1-9)                                            | \$260         |
| Summer Learning (Grades 10-12)                                          | \$510         |

**Enrolment Changes**

School districts are estimating they will enrol 581,007 school-age FTE in September 2026, a decrease of 5,727 FTE (or 1.0%) over the September 2025 total. Fifty-one (51) districts are estimating they will have decreased enrolment in September 2026.

School districts are estimating slower or declining enrolment growth across the Unique Student Needs funding categories, including a 2.7% increase in Level 2 students (+1,029) compared to 9.5% growth in 2025/26, and fewer Level 1 (-22), Level 3 (-445), ELL (-2,584) and Indigenous Education (-757) students.

**Operating Grant Changes**

Forty-six (46) districts are estimated to have decreases to their operating grants for the upcoming school year. The per student average, including all special grants, is an estimated \$13,850 for 2026/27, a 46.9% increase from 2016/17.

Funding for students with L1, L2 & L3 disabilities or diverse abilities is projected to grow by \$18.4 million, or 1.7%, from \$1.062 billion to \$1.080 billion, as Level 2 enrolment continues to grow.

Funding will be recalculated when actual enrolment is known in the September 2026 enrolment count.

**Funding Protection/Enrolment Decline**

A total of 23 districts are receiving an estimated total of \$16.9 million in Funding Protection; this is substantially more than the \$3.9 million allocated to 8 districts in 2025/26.

In 2026/27 it is estimated that 38 districts will receive \$9.7 million from the Supplement for Enrolment Decline, up from 26 districts and \$5.8 million in 2025/26.

### Special Grants

In addition to the operating grant block, the following amounts are being provided for school district operations:

- Preliminary Classroom Enhancement Fund: \$810.0 million
- Learning Improvement Fund: \$25.0 million, unchanged
- CommunityLINK: \$60.4 million, unchanged
- Pay Equity: \$50.9 million, unchanged
- Student Transportation Fund: \$15.4 million, unchanged
- Feeding Futures Fund: \$71.5 million, unchanged

The Annual Facility Grant will continue in 2026/27 but is now managed by the Ministry of Infrastructure and, as a result, will no longer appear on the Summary of Grants tables.

### Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF)

The Ministry is announcing CEF staffing funding at 100% of the amounts for the current school year to facilitate budgeting and planning for the next school year.

Thus, the preliminary Classroom Enhancement Fund is set at \$810.0 million:

- \$763.2 million for CEF staffing
- \$46.8 million for CEF overhead

As in previous years, the Ministry is not announcing CEF remedy funding at this time. CEF remedies will be allocated based on school district reporting of actual remedies incurred in October 2026.

The process for applying for any additional funding for the 2026/27 CEF staffing allocations will be the same as this year.

### Indigenous Education Councils

Funding to support the implementation of Indigenous Education Councils (IECs) totals \$2.4 million in 2026/27, the third and final year of funding in this envelope.

IEC allocations are detailed in Table 14 of the [2026/27 Estimated Operating Grants](#).

### Labour Settlement Funding

Any funding provided to the Ministry as a result of negotiated collective agreement changes will be allocated as a special grant for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 school years following confirmation by the Public Sector Employers' Council Secretariat and Treasury Board.