

Written Question

Asked by:

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School Funding Framework

My questions are for the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. The Minister provided Regular Members with the most recent version of its School Funding Framework that I tabled in the House yesterday. Can the Minister:

1. Identify the number of students enrolled in junior kindergarten alone and in kindergarten to grade 12 cumulatively, and each school offering the Junior Kindergarten Program in 2016-2017;
2. Provide departmental projections of the above for 2017-2018; and
3. Identify differences between current K-12 funding and that same funding if it accounted for JK-12 in the items below, using estimated 2017-2018 enrolment figures and the formulas set out in the framework shared with Regular Members:
 - a. School Funding Framework – Administration – Administration O&M – Item (i), “Administration and School Services: (Administration Staffing for Assistant Superintendents, Administration Officers and Clerical Staff according to the tables);
 - b. School Funding Framework – Administration – Administration O&M – Item (ii), “District Education Authorities O&M: (Community Base of \$15,000 + K-12 FTE x \$86);
 - c. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (iii) – School Support Consultants: funded according to established table;



- d. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (iv) – School Counselling: $(K-12 \text{ community FTE} \times 0.0032)$;
- e. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (v) – School Secretaries: $(K-12 \text{ community FTE} \times 0.00028)$;
- f. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (vi) – Custodians: $(K12 \text{ community FTE} \times 0.0102)$;
- g. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (iv) – Support Assistants: $(\text{Community K-12 FTE} / 63)$;
- h. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (vi) – Staff Development – Base funding of \$2,000 per community + $(\text{community K-12 FTE} \times \$50) \times \text{NCI}$;
- i. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (vii) – Specialized Learning Materials / Assistive Technology: $[\text{Education Authority } \$10,000 \text{ base for minor projects} + \text{Base funding of } \$2,000 \text{ per community} + (\text{community K-12 FTE} \times \$62)] \times \text{NCI}$;
- j. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (x) – Healing and Counselling: Base funding of \$10,000 per community + $(\$60 \text{ per K-12 FTE} \times \text{NCI})$;
- k. School Funding Framework – Aboriginal Languages & Cultural Programs – Item (i) – Aboriginal Languages O&M: $(\text{Base funding of } \$100,000 \text{ per education authority}) + (\$9,000 \times \text{number of communities minus one}) + (\text{Aboriginal K-12 FTE} \times \$125) \times \text{NCI}$; and
- l. School Funding Framework – Aboriginal Language & Cultural Programs – Item (ii): Education Assistants / Aboriginal Language specialists (EA/ALS): Aboriginal K-12 FTE per community, according to established table?