

8060 East Central Francophone Education Region No. 3

School Jurisdiction Code and Name

FALL 2011 UPDATE TO THE 2011/2012 BUDGET

	Fall 2011 Update to the Budget 2011/2012	Spring 2011 Budget Report 2011/2012	Variance
OPERATIONS (SUMMARY)			
Revenues			
Government of Alberta	\$12 201 612	\$11 304 656	\$896 956
Fees	\$56 460	\$53 380	\$3 080
Other sales and services revenue	\$39 506	\$34 286	\$5 220
Amortization of capital allocations revenue	\$1 444 573	\$1 054 062	\$390 511
All other revenues	\$360 500	\$747 999	(\$387 499)
Total Revenues	\$14 102 651	\$13 194 383	\$908 268
Expenses			
Certificated salaries, wages and benefits expense	\$6 658 725	\$6 745 435	(\$86 710)
Non-certificated salaries, wages and benefits expense	\$1 868 444	\$1 764 284	\$104 160
Services, contracts and supplies expense	\$3 748 063	\$3 640 192	\$107 871
Amortization expense	\$1 528 012	\$1 140 807	\$387 205
Interest on capital debt expense	\$0	\$0	\$0
All other expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$13 803 244	\$13 290 718	\$512 526
<i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses</i>	\$299 407	(\$96 335)	\$395 742
Accumulated Operating Surplus (Projected)			
Accumulated Operating Surplus - Aug.31, 2011	(\$203 941)	\$371 290	(\$575 231)
Accumulated Operating Surplus - Aug.31, 2012	\$95 466	\$341 677	(\$246 211)
Certificated Staff FTE's			
School based	57,8	56,1	1,7
Non-school based	2,0	4,5	(2,5)
<i>Total Certificated Staff FTE's</i>	59,8	60,6	(0,8)
Certificated Staffing Change due to:			
Enrolment	(0,7)	-	(0,7)
Other factors	(0,1)	(1,4)	1,3
<i>Total Change</i>	(0,8)	(1,4)	0,6
Eligible Funded Students			
Early childhood services (ECS headcount)	140	124	16
Grades 1 to 9 (headcount)	453	473	(20)
Grade 10 to 12 (FTE)	103	108	(5)
<i>Total Eligible Funded Students</i>	696	705	(9)

Comments/Explanations of Variance:

Following the completion of the annual audit, an update has been made to capital allocations revenue to reflect capital funding spent during the 2010/11 year, which accounts for approximately \$390,000 of additional revenue and offsetting expense. The current update also includes Premier Redford's fall funding announcements, resulting in approximately \$188,000 of additional funding not previously taken into account. Further, the board has recently entered into discussions with regards to the sale of excess land for approximately \$260,000, which has been reflected in this update. The breakdown of school based and non-school based certificated staff in the June 2011 budget report was miscalculated and should have been 58,6 and 2 respectively. The decrease in certificated staffing changes due to enrolment is the result of lower enrolment numbers than anticipated in the original budget. Further, at the time of preparation of the original budget, certificated salaries were calculated based on the 2010/11 staff costs of \$104,051/FTE. The current update reflects anticipated staffing costs based on the actual staff on hand as at September 30, 2011, for which the average cost has decreased to \$101,485/FTE, resulting in an overall savings of approximately \$148,000. The board also decided to replace 1,2 FTE teachers at the playschool level with non-certificated staff, resulting in a reduction to certificated salaries of approximately \$121,000. The total reduction of \$269,000 is, however, partially offset by costs equivalent to 1,0 FTE in maternity leave benefits plus an early retirement package that it was not aware of in the original budget. On the contrary, non-certificated salaries have increased due to the changeover of certificated staff to non-certificated at the preschool level as previously mentioned, a switch to salaried custodians vs contracted custodians at one of the schools, one extra student aid than anticipated and the addition of 0,4 FTE administrative support staff. The increase in services, contracts and supplies is the result of increased expenses with regards to services that were added as a result of the fall funding announcement.

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Details of additional resources and staffing implemented with your portion of the \$107 million funding commitment:

One of the key decisions made by the board in the face of the initial funding cut announcements, was to maintain its current teaching staff levels, and as such, no teaching staff was laid off. In fact, the total number of certificated positions in 2010/11 was 61.4 FTE whereas in 2011/12 there are 59.8 FTE positions, the decrease due mainly to the switch to non-certificated staff for its preschool program. The board anticipated the highest kindergarten enrollments to date at one of its schools, where it was expected that there would be at least 28 students enrolled. Having long been an advocate of small class sizes at early grades, and particularly in ECS where francisation needs are at their highest, the board decided to split the students into two classes. The additional costs associated with this decision were high however (estimated at approximately \$70,000), so when tough decisions had to be made about where to cut, this was one of the first items on the agenda. In light of the fall budget announcement, the board was thrilled to be able to maintain the split class. The brunt of the cuts were born mainly in student services/ressources and administration. Because all technology funding programs were discontinued after 2010/11, the board was forced to slash its budget for technology purchases & repairs by approximately \$20,000, which has since been reinstated. Further, in the face of the sudden unexpected resignation of the director of technology, the decision was made to reduce its technology staff from 2.0 FTE positions to 1.0 FTE. Given the high importance of technology within the education system coupled with the significant burden created by the reduction in technology staff, the board has contracted support services of approximately \$10,000 to assist the new technology director in fulfilling his duties. Additionally, the board took advantage of the unexpected funding to contract professional therapy services in the amount of approximately \$33,000 for its special needs students and has decided to implement a supplementary inclusive education planning tool for its certificated teaching staff at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Another decision that was made in the face of the initial funding cuts was to forego its previously full-time human ressources/public relations officer position, a decision which has put undue strain on administrative staff at the central office level, where it once had 3.45 FTE and now has only 2.0 FTE. While the board maintained its decision not to fill this position, it did allot approximately \$20,000 in additional contracted services as well as added 0.4 FTE (approximately \$15,000) in non-certificated support staff to alleviate some of these pressures.

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