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The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) publish the TEFA eBulletin to support BC First Nations communities and schools with TEFA interpretation and implementation.



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Funding changes under TEFA

As described in prior communications, the TEFA agreement provides funding in a different way than funding was formerly calculated. TEFA funding is for core operational costs of schools and includes some areas that were previously funded separately, such as school operations and maintenance, school staff benefits (band employee benefits), minor capital expenses, as well as the activities formerly funded through New Paths for Education. It also includes an amount for School Support, including the interim Student Daily Transportation formula. Under TEFA funding, transportation funding is allocated to the school delivering the education program; the school is responsible for transportation.

Nominal Roll Status

There has been a delay in providing adjustments to 2012-13 and for 2013-14 Education allocations. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) BC Region is working to have 2012-13 adjustments and 2013-14 allocations complete by the end of June 2013. The provincial Ministry of Education has been notified of the reason for these delays.

Block-funded recipients

Block-funded recipients can take advantage of a one-time opportunity to rebase education without affecting other components

First Nations under block-funding arrangements will be offered a one-time only opportunity to rebase the education portion of their block funding this year, or maintain their block funding at current levels. The rebasing option can be done without affecting other components of the

block. Recently, AANDC sent a letter to all block-funded First Nations, providing recipients with a status update. Block funded First Nations will receive an information package, including budget comparisons, by the end of June 2013. A letter has also been sent to affected Chiefs and Councils highlighting this information.

Funding Protection

For First Nations that will see decreases in their allocation under TEFA funding, AANDC BC Region will offer funding protection that will maintain the K-12 Education funding at 2011-12 levels, for three years at 100% or five years at a graduated rate, subject to enrollment. Once the Nominal Roll is processed, AANDC will be preparing a customized report for each affected First Nation. At that time, the Department will send the funding report, along with an information package, to inform you about funding protection. This will be sent by the end of June 2013.

Interest Charges

It has come to the attention of FNESC and AANDC that due to delays in this year's nominal roll finalization, some School Districts are charging interest to First Nations for late payment of their Nominal Roll tuition. AANDC has sent a letter requesting that the Ministry of Education advise all School Districts to defer charging interest to First Nations under these circumstances, given that the delays have not been of their making.

Contacts & Online Resources

Visit <http://www.fnsa.ca/tefa> for past issues of the eBulletin and for support contacts

Your feedback is always welcome and appreciated.

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