

## **Q&As - Funding Protection under TEFA for Eligible Non-Block First Nations**

*The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSEA) publish this eBulletin to support BC First Nations communities and schools with Tripartite Education Framework Agreement interpretation and implementation.*



### **Who is eligible for Funding Protection?**

In November 2013, non-block First Nations operating under TEFA were informed whether their First Nation required funding protection under TEFA. Non-block First Nations eligible for funding protection were asked to submit a Band Council Resolution to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada indicating their preferred choice for funding protection by December 20, 2013. For the remainder of First Nations operating under TEFA, no action is required at this time. In the event that First Nations become eligible for funding protection in the future, AANDC will contact the relevant First Nations with further information and instructions.

### **What is Funding Protection?**

Funding protection is based on the 2011-2012 Nominal Roll per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) rate. It is calculated by multiplying the 2011-2012 per FTE rate by the annual Nominal Roll FTEs, according to the protection option chosen. This protected amount will apply throughout the protection period, subject to enrollment.

### **What Funding Protection options are there?**

The two funding protection options available are:

- 1) Three Year Full Protection under TEFA:** First Nations under TEFA can choose to receive full funding protection for three years, subject to enrollment. After the three year period, First Nations will receive funding based on TEFA.
- 2) Five Year Graduated Protection under TEFA:** First Nations under TEFA can choose to receive graduated funding protection over five years, subject to enrollment.

	<b>Year 1 Sept. 2012 school year</b>	<b>Year 2 Sept. 2013 school year</b>	<b>Year 3 Sept. 2014 school Year</b>	<b>Year 4 Sept. 2015 school Year</b>	<b>Year 5 Sept. 2016 school year</b>
<b>Three Year Full Protection Under TEFA</b>	Funding is protected at 100 %*	Funding is protected at 100 %*	Funding is protected at 100 %*	TEFA Funding Only	TEFA Funding Only
<b>Five Year Graduated Protection Under TEFA</b>	Funding is protected at 100%*	Funding is protected at 80%*	Funding is protected at 60%*	Funding is protected at 40%*	Funding is protected at 20%*

\*Of the 2011-2012 FTE Amount

### **How does Funding Protection work?**

Your level of funding protection is based on the 2011-2012 Nominal Roll per FTE amount under TEFA. The 2011-2012 per FTE protected amount will apply throughout the protection period, subject to enrolment.

Funding protection is calculated by multiplying the 2011-2012 per FTE protected amount by your annual Nominal Roll FTEs, according to the protection option you choose. This protected amount will apply throughout the protection period, subject to enrolment. As education funding is enrolment sensitive, so is the protection.

Changes in enrolment and provincially set rates may cause funding allocations under TEFA to vary from year to year. If funding allocations under TEFA exceed the 2011-2012 per-FTE protected rate then funding protection will no longer apply in that year.

### **What if my First Nation is a block-funded First Nation?**

In August 2013, block-funded First Nations were offered a one-time opportunity to either:

- Rebase the education portion of their block funding arrangements to include funding under TEFA; or
- To maintain their block funding at current levels.

First Nations were sent a budget comparison identifying funding implications under both funding options. Block recipients that chose to re-base underwent a Compliance Review as the rebasing is meant to be a permanent adjustment to the block. If the results of the Compliance Review indicate

any changes to the September 2012 FTE's, the core and non-core funding adjustments will be revised.

### **What if I have questions?**

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact your Funding Services Officer at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada at: 604-775-5100.

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