



May 6, 2013

Your file - Votre référence

Our file - Notre référence

VAN-E 4700-1 UNC

Chief and Council

Dear Chief and Council:

Re: Update: Opportunity to Rebase Education Portion of Block Funding

I am writing to provide a status update regarding Education funding for Block-funded First Nations in BC.

As you are aware, the Tripartite Education Framework Agreement (TEFA) came into effect in September 2012 and a new TEFA funding formula was implemented. Because of the new TEFA funding, Block-funded recipients are being provided the opportunity to rebase the Education portion of their block funding or maintain their block funding at current levels. This option can be done without affecting the other components of the block. This opportunity will be offered one time only in fiscal year 2013-2014. In subsequent years, block-funded First Nations would be required to rebase their full complement of funding in order to access any additional increases under TEFA.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) BC Region, intends to send out a letter and information package by the end of June 2013 that will explain the rebasing options, including a funding comparison to help assist with your decision making. At that time, you will be asked to indicate your choice of whether or not to rebase the Education portion of your block funding.

If you choose to rebase, an adjustment will be made to your 2012-13 allocation for September to March. In addition, an allocation for 2013-14 will be done.

Please watch for further updates through TEFA *e-Bulletins* posted on the First Nations Education Steering Committee's website at www.fnesc.ca/tefa.

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We thank you for your important contribution to First Nations education in BC.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Adnitt', written in a cursive style.

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