



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 on Tripartite Education Framework Agreement (TEFA) Funding

I am writing to provide an update regarding TEFA funding allocations for fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Funding changes under TEFA: As described in prior communications, the TEFA agreement provides funding in a different way than it 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 benefit), 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. Further, 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.

Block-funded recipients: First Nations under block-funding arrangements will be offered a one-time opportunity to re-base the Education funding portion of their block. A letter will be sent shortly 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.

Funding protection: For First Nations that 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.

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Once the Nominal Roll is processed, AANDC will be preparing a customized report for each affected First Nation. At that time, we will send the funding report, along with an information package, to inform your community about funding protection. This will be sent by the end of June 2013.

TEFA e-Bulletin updates: Please watch for up-to-date TEFA *e-Bulletins* posted on the First Nations Education Steering Committee's website at <http://www.fnsa.ca/tefa>.

Thank you for your hard work and patience as we work to implement TEFA funding with collaboration from our partners FNEESC and the Province of British Columbia.

If you have any questions regarding your education funding under TEFA, please contact your Funding Services Officer.

Yours truly,



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