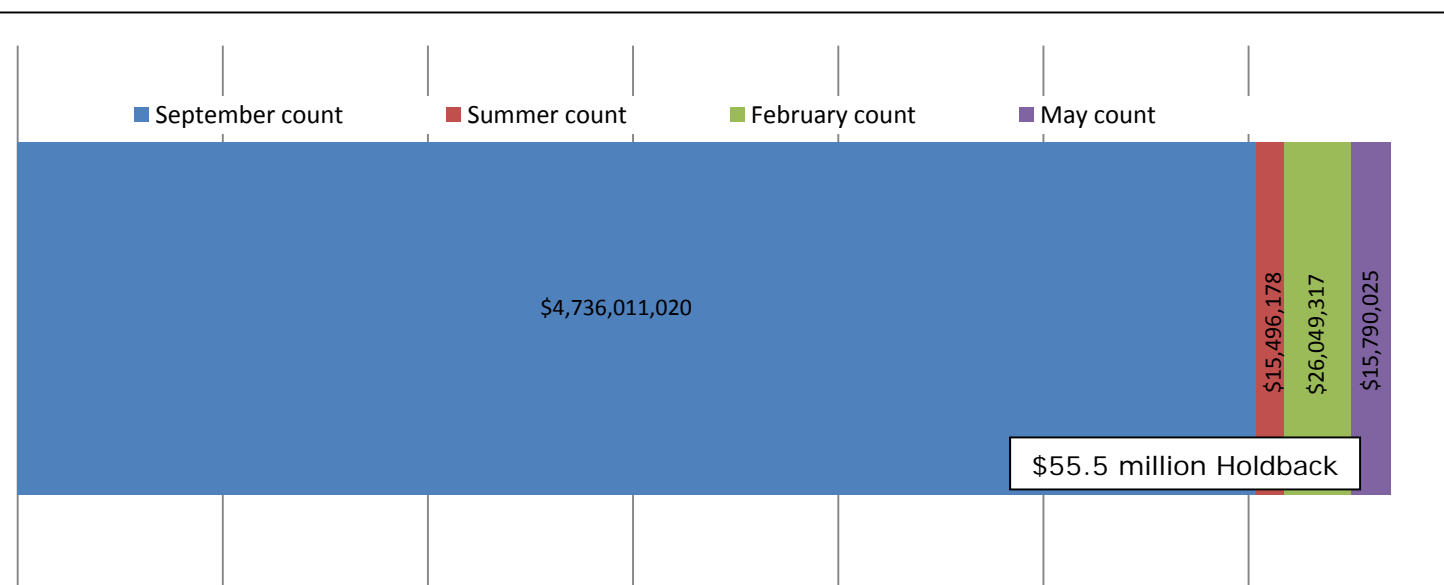


# Overview of the 2015/16 Operating Grant Allocation Formula

Allocation of the total Operating Block and Enrolment counts (2015/16 estimated as at March 2015)



## Funding Adjustments:

- Districts' preliminary allocations are adjusted after each of the enrolment counts; September 30<sup>th</sup>, February and May;
- District preliminary allocation will increase if actual enrolment is higher than district estimated enrolment; and consequently decline if actual enrolment is lower than district estimated enrolment;
- Funding Protection is calculated following the September enrolment count only – this supplemental grant is calculated *last* and ensures that districts do not experience a funding decline of greater than 1.5% compared to the previous year *for the September count*;
- The "Holdback" is used as a contingency to fund districts for enrolment greater than the district estimated enrolment and preliminary allocation. Holdback not required for this purpose becomes available for allocation to all districts;
- The full operating block, including holdback, must be allocated to districts by June 30 of the current school year;
- Funding is disbursed in a "just in time" manner to closely match district cash needs.

## Provincial Totals

79% allocated through the Basic Allocation

12% allocated to recognize unique student enrolment

8% allocated to recognize unique district factors

1% allocated to buffer the effects of declining enrolment

Basic Allocation				
Common per student amount for every FTE student enrolled by school type				
<b>Standard School:</b> \$7,158 per school age FTE	<b>Continuing Education:</b> \$7,158 per school age FTE			
<b>Alternate School:</b> \$7,158 per school age FTE	<b>Distributed Learning:</b> \$6,030 per school age FTE			
Unique Student				
Additional per student funding to address uniqueness of district enrolment and support additional programming				
<b>Level 1 Special Needs:</b> \$37,700 per student	<b>Level 2 Special Needs:</b> \$18,850 per student	<b>Level 3 Special Needs:</b> \$9,500 per student		
<b>English/French Language Learning:</b> \$1,380 per student	<b>Aboriginal Education:</b> \$1,195 per student	<b>Adult Education:</b> \$4,565 per FTE		
<b>Vulnerable Students:</b> in addition to CommunityLINK				
Unique District				
Additional funding to address uniqueness of district factors				
<b>Small Community:</b> for small schools located a distance away from the next nearest school	<b>Low Enrolment:</b> for districts with low total enrolment	<b>Rural Factor:</b> located some distance from Vancouver and the nearest large regional population centre	<b>Climate Factor:</b> operate schools in colder/ warmer climates additional heating or cooling requirements	<b>Sparseness Factor:</b> operate schools that are spread over a wide geographic area
<b>Student Location Factor:</b> based on population density of school communities		<b>Supplemental Student Location:</b> Level 1 and 2 special needs enrolment		
<b>Salary Differential:</b> Funding to districts that have higher average educator salaries				
Funding Protection / Enrolment Decline				
<b>Enrolment Decline:</b> funding to districts experiencing enrolment decline of at least 1% when compared to the previous year		<b>Funding Protection:</b> funding to ensure that no district experiences a decline in operating grants greater than 1.5% when compared to the previous September		
<b>CSF Supplement</b> – district receives a 15% funding premium on allocated funding				

All Funding information estimated for the 2015/16 School Year