Overview of the 2020/21 Operating Grant Allocation Formula

Allocation of the total Operating Block and Enrolment counts (2020/21 estimated as at March 2020)

- September count: $5,460,792,948
- Summer count: $18,749,215
- February count: $32,752,289
- May count: $13,843,386

Funding Adjustments:
- Districts’ preliminary allocations are adjusted after each of the enrolment counts; September 30th, 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 full operating block 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
- 76% allocated through the Basic Allocation
- 16% allocated to recognize unique student enrolment
- 8% allocated to recognize unique district factors
- 0.2% allocated to buffer the effects of declining enrolment
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Basic Allocation
Common per student amount for every FTE student enrolled by school type

- Standard School: $7,560 per school age FTE
- Alternate School: $7,560 per school age FTE
- Distributed Learning: $6,100 per school age FTE

Unique Student
Additional per student funding to address uniqueness of district enrolment and support additional programming

- Level 1 Special Needs: $43,000 per student
- Level 2 Special Needs: $20,400 per student
- Level 3 Special Needs: $10,300 per student

English/French Language Learning: $1,520 per student

Unique District
Additional funding to address uniqueness of district factors

- Small Community: for small schools located a distance away from the nearest large regional population centre
- Low Enrolment: for districts with low total enrolment
- Rural Factor: operate schools in colder/ warmer climates
- Climate Factor: operate schools in colder/ warmer climates
- Sparseness Factor: operate schools that are spread over a wide geographic area

Student Location Factor: based on population density of school communities
Supplemental Student Location Location: Level 1 and 2 special needs enrolment

Salary Differential:
Funding to districts that have higher average educator salaries

Funding Protection / Enrolment Decline

- Enrolment Decline: funding to districts experiencing enrolment decline of at least 1% when compared to the previous year
- Funding Protection: funding to ensure that no district experiences a decline in operating grants greater than 1.5% when compared to the previous September

CSF Supplement – district receives a 15% funding premium on allocated funding

All Funding information estimated for the 2020/21 School Year