



## **Funding Restored to Classrooms for the Benefit of All Students**

Edmonton Catholic School District Principals met late this afternoon to learn how the newly restored Education funding will be distributed throughout the District.

After receiving feedback from principals in the District, a committee was formed consisting of a number of principals representing different levels, a Trustee and senior administration to decide how the funding will be distributed using the following guiding principles for allocating the restored funding: all funding allocation decisions would be student-centered, restore funding to areas as per the parameters of the funding announcement, every school receives base funding and then differential funding and schools need to provide an accountability plan for the funds received.

Here are highlights of how the restored funding of \$5,487,591 will be allocated:

- **Class Size:** Consistent with Alberta Education's mandate to achieve class size guidelines, each elementary school has been allocated funds to achieve these guidelines of 17 students per class for Grades K to 3 and 23 students per class for Grades 4 to 6 - (\$127.49 for each Grade 1-3 students for a total of **\$956,156**).
- **Support for Severe Special Needs Students:** **\$1,000,000** is being directed to support severe special needs inclusive students to attempt to meet more of the identified needs.
- **English Language Learners:** 100% of the restored funds allocated by Alberta Education for English Language Learners (ELL) are being directed to the schools. This equals an additional \$77 per student for ELL students in Grades 1-12, \$38.50 per student for kindergarten students, for a total of **\$300,000**. The remaining **\$188,700** will be distributed to elementary students that qualify for the limited literacy and limited formal schooling criteria.
- **AISI and Classroom and Community Supports funding:** The Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI) funding and Classroom and Community Supports funding will be used to support learning teams. The intention is to directly support students. **(\$3,042,735)**. Schools might choose to increase their learning coach, graduation coach, educational assistant, social worker time or other staff that will directly support student learning.

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“Our restored funding will be allocated to schools immediately and will directly support student learning,” said Superintendent Joan Carr.