

Comprehensive Education Funding Framework Review

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Background / overview:

Recognizing the forthcoming proposed amendment to existing policy 10-4, we wish to also propose a comprehensive education funding framework review.

Because a properly funded education system will best meet the needs of all students throughout the province;

Because opportunities for efficiencies can be realized through a comprehensive review of the existing funding framework;

Because application of existing funding formulae is resulting in inequities;

We request that Alberta Education create an independent review panel on education funding to identify challenges with the current funding model to inform direction for potential restructuring **of the funding framework**.

~~**We further request** that Alberta Education direct the independent review panel to examine potential efficiencies and savings that could be realized from a single publicly funded education system.~~

Resources:

In February 2018, British Columbia's Minister of Education appointed an independent review panel to examine its funding model and recommend a stable, sustainable public education funding model. A renewed funding model was to be in place for the 2019-20 school year.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EDUC0004-000306>

In December 2018, the report from British Columbia's independent review panel identified challenges, especially for students with special needs and vulnerable students. To properly address the challenges, working groups were formed in January 2019 to engage further in key areas including inclusive education, distributed learning, adult education, financial management and accountability.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018EDUC0075-002457>

* "Having received comments and questions from several school councils, École Leo Nickerson School Council recognizes how our initial proposed Advocacy Resolution for a **Comprehensive Education Funding Framework Review** – specifically the second '*request*' - may be misinterpreted.

Our intention is to request a funding review that would include identification of challenges and recommendations for efficiencies within the current system in Alberta, such as shared transportation services, external support services, and facilities, where and as appropriate.

We sincerely hope that the revised proposal, striking out the second request, and adding "*of the funding framework*" to the first request, will clarify this intention." **Kristi Rouse**