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MEMORANDUM

Date: 01 February 2011
To: Board of Trustees
From: Tim Monds, Superintendent
Originator: Claire Jonsson, Associate Superintendent
Subject: 2010-2011 Class Size Report

Recommendation

That the Board of Trustees receives as information the 2010-2011 Class Size Report as presented at its Regular meeting 01 February 2011.

Background

As part of the re-engineering of the Small Class Size Initiative grant, Alberta Education instituted differential Basic Student rates for ECS, Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6, as well as differentiated rates for specific Career and Technology Studies (CTS) courses. This new approach, effective September 1, 2010, was implemented to allow a more strategic and flexible approach for local boards in their decision making, especially in the area of Kindergarten to Grade 6. Although the class size formula allocates funds based on a specific grade level or specific CTS courses, boards have the flexibility to hire or retain teachers in any grade based on local circumstances. For example, although class size funds are not allocated for students in Grades 7 to 9, class size funding may be directed to these classrooms if this is a priority.

In an effort to reduce the administration requirements with regards to class size reporting, jurisdictions are no longer required to submit the class size survey to Alberta Education. Boards, however, are required to post their annual class size survey results in their Annual Education Results (AERR) each year.

Attached are both the jurisdiction and individual school class size reports.

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