



ITEM 4
ADDITIONAL
HANDOUT

To: Board of Education

From: Deputy Superintendent
Laurie Meston

Re: **LEARNING IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Date: October 24, 2012
(Public Board Meeting)
Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

In keeping with the discontinuance of the Bill 33 requirements and provisions effective June 30, 2012 and the implementation of the requirements and provisions relating to the Learning Improvement Fund enacted March 27th, 2012, staff in SD42 have worked collaboratively with the MRTA President and Vice President and the CUPE President to allocate the SD42 portion of the LIF fund.

As indicated in the Learning Improvement Fund regulation 2 (6), A Board requesting, in a fiscal year, a grant under section 115.2 of the Bill 22 – Education Improvement Act, must submit to the Minister, by the time and in the manner specified by the Minister, a spending plan that allocates the estimated grant with respect to one or more of the following:

- (i) the provision of additional teaching staff and teacher assistants and other paraprofessionals;
- (ii) additional teaching time and services to students;
- (iii) professional development training of teaching staff to address challenging learning conditions;
- (iv) a reserve fund, not exceeding 30% of the estimated grant that may be used for any of the purposes described in subparagraphs (i) to (iii) as the Board considers appropriate.

The spending plan has been prepared in collaboration with the MRTA and CUPE and has been reviewed and finalized by the Superintendent of Schools to confirm compliance with the regulation. A summary of the plan is attached (Elementary and Secondary) as well as the LIF approval form.

The structures and systems that were collaboratively developed in SD42 as part of the Bill 33 process have formed the foundation for the implementation of the Learning improvement Fund process. Staff in SD42 have been very pleased with the collaborative nature of the consultation and allocation process.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve the submission of the Learning Improvement Fund Approval form and the Learning Improvement Plan Summary to the Minister of Education by October 31, 2012.

Attachments

School District No. 42
Learning Improvement Plan Summary
October 24th, 2012

Total LIF Allocation:	\$1,468,294
Less: EA Minimum Allocation:	(\$ 188,489)
Less: Teacher Staffing Funding:	(\$ 849,620)
Less: EA Funding:	<u>(\$ 429,052)</u>
Reserves:	<u>\$ 1,133</u>

The LIF allocation described above resulted in:

- 41 continuing SEA's receiving an additional 1 hour of work per week (from 28 hours per week to 29 hours per week). This additional hour is being used to: allow attendance at IEP meetings; collaboration and meeting time with classroom and support teachers and/or support teams; constructing/adapting work and materials for students and student involved activities such as breakfast, reading and homework clubs, learning centres, adapted PE, etc.
- 276 additional SEA hours per week (equivalent of 9.86 full time – 28 hour) positions to support student learning in elementary schools.
- 2.92 additional teacher FTE per week to support student learning in elementary schools.
- 6.468 additional teacher FTE per week to support student learning in secondary schools.

With some additional regular staffing teacher FTE and the additional LIF teacher FTE at secondary schools the number of classes over 30 as of October 2012, is 20. In 2011/12 it was **169**.

Although adhering to class size average legislation is not part of the Bill 22 – Education Improvement Act, class size average information is still being collected. Below is a table outlining our class size averages over the past five years.

Five Year Class Size Averages

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Kindergarten	18.4	17.7	18.5	17.7	18.3	18.2
Grades 1-3	21.0	20.8	20.8	20.6	20.3	20.3
Grades 4-7	25.4	25.9	26.2	25.7	26.3	25.5
Grades 8-12	24.4	25.7		25.3	25.9	23.1*

*due to some changes in reporting requirements, the 2012 grades 8 – 12 averages are calculating slightly lower than would have occurred using the previous requirements.

Learning Improvement Fund Approval

Please complete this form and include your district Learning Improvement Fund Plan and submit by October 31 of each year.

School District Name:

Total LIF allocation: Education Assistants minimum allocation:

1. Amount committed under this plan to:

Teacher Staffing funding:	<input type="text" value="\$849,620"/>
Teacher Professional Development:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Education Assistants funding:	<input type="text" value="\$429,052"/>
Reserves (maximum 30%):	<input type="text" value="\$1,133"/>

2. Education Assistants only:

Number of Education Assistants positions that experience extended hours of work/week:	<input type="text" value="141"/>
Number of new Education Assistants positions created with extended hours of work/week:	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Number of new Education Assistants positions with status quo hours of work/week:	<input type="text" value="9.86"/>

3. The local Teachers Union has agreed to this plan. YES NO

4. Declaration:

This declaration is to confirm that the consultations required under Section 2 of the Learning Improvement Fund Regulation have been carried out, and that the attached spending plan allocates the estimated grant in accordance with subsection 2(6) of that regulation.

Superintendent of Schools:

6. Sign and Submit:

Contact name: and Email:

Please complete this form and click Submit. This form will be automatically be emailed to EDUC.Achievement@gov.bc.ca after clicking the Submit button. **Please remember to include your detailed LIF Plan along with this document.**

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