

## Return to Written Question

**THE HONOURABLE ALFRED MOSES  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND EMPLOYMENT**

### **SCHOOL FUNDING FRAMEWORK**

Mr. Speaker, I have a Return to Written Question asked by Mr. O'Reilly on June 2, 2017 regarding the School Funding Framework.

In the 2016-2017 school year, there were 86.5 full-time equivalent students enrolled in Junior Kindergarten and 8,107 FTE students in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Junior Kindergarten was offered in the following 20 communities: Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Ulukhaktok, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk, Fort Simpson, Fort Liard, Wrigley, Kakisa, Jean Marie River, Colville Lake, Délne, Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, Tulita, Łutselk'e, Ndilo, Dettah, Sachs Harbour and Nahanni Butte.

For the 2017-2018 school year, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment projects 475.3 FTE students to be enrolled in JK and 8,107 FTE students in K-12 for a total of 8,582.3 FTE.

Later today, at the appropriate time, I will table the calculations made using the 2017-2018 School Funding Framework that show the incremental amount under each funding category comparing K-12 funding and JK-12 funding.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

## **Return to Written Question 23-18(2) School Funding Framework**

Using the 2017-2018 School Funding Framework, the following table shows the current Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) funding and Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 (JK-12) funding. The K-12 funding is based on the 8,107 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students representing prior year enrolment and the JK-12 funding is based on prior year enrolment of 8,107 plus the projected 475.3 FTE 2017-2018 JK students, for a total of 8,582.3 FTE students.

The calculation also shows the incremental amount under each funding category.

|           | Funding Category                        | K-12 Funding | JK-12 Funding | Difference |
|-----------|---|--------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>a.</b> | Administration Staffing                 | 6,520,000    | 6,594,000     | 74,000     |
| <b>b.</b> | Administration DEA O&M                  | 2,590,000    | 2,636,000     | 46,000     |
| <b>c.</b> | School Consultants                      | 2,528,000    | 2,528,000     | -          |
| <b>d.</b> | School Counselling                      | 2,353,000    | 2,485,000     | 132,000    |
| <b>e.</b> | School Secretaries                      | 2,221,000    | 2,325,000     | 104,000    |
| <b>f.</b> | School Custodians                       | 5,958,000    | 6,298,000     | 340,000    |
| <b>g.</b> | Inclusive Schooling Assistants          | 10,607,000   | 11,216,000    | 609,000    |
| <b>h.</b> | Inclusive Schooling Staff Development   | 502,000      | 525,000       | 23,000     |
| <b>i.</b> | Inclusive Schooling Learning Materials  | 704,000      | 733,000       | 29,000     |
| <b>j.</b> | Inclusive Schooling Healing/Counselling | 940,000      | 968,000       | 28,000     |
| <b>k.</b> | Aboriginal Languages O&M                | 1,791,000    | 1,827,000     | 36,000     |
| <b>l.</b> | Aboriginal Languages Assistants         | 7,152,000    | 7,419,000     | 267,000    |

## Written Question

Asked by:

Mr. O'Reilly

June 2, 2017

### School Funding Framework

My questions are for the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. The Minister provided Regular Members with the most recent version of its School Funding Framework that I tabled in the House yesterday. Can the Minister:

1. Identify the number of students enrolled in junior kindergarten alone and in kindergarten to grade 12 cumulatively, and each school offering the Junior Kindergarten Program in 2016-2017;
2. Provide departmental projections of the above for 2017-2018; and
3. Identify differences between current K-12 funding and that same funding if it accounted for JK-12 in the items below, using estimated 2017-2018 enrolment figures and the formulas set out in the framework shared with Regular Members:
  - a. School Funding Framework – Administration – Administration O&M – Item (i), “Administration and School Services: (Administration Staffing for Assistant Superintendents, Administration Officers and Clerical Staff according to the tables);
  - b. School Funding Framework – Administration – Administration O&M – Item (ii), “District Education Authorities O&M: (Community Base of \$15,000 + K-12 FTE x \$86);
  - c. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (iii) – School Support Consultants: funded according to established table;



- d. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (iv) – School Counselling:  $(K-12 \text{ community FTE} \times 0.0032)$ ;
- e. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (v) – School Secretaries:  $(K-12 \text{ community FTE} \times 0.00028)$ ;
- f. School Funding Framework – Territorial Schools – Item (vi) – Custodians:  $(K12 \text{ community FTE} \times 0.0102)$ ;
- g. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (iv) – Support Assistants:  $(\text{Community K-12 FTE} / 63)$ ;
- h. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (vi) – Staff Development – Base funding of \$2,000 per community +  $(\text{community K-12 FTE} \times \$50) \times \text{NCI}$ ;
- i. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (vii) – Specialized Learning Materials / Assistive Technology:  $[\text{Education Authority } \$10,000 \text{ base for minor projects} + \text{Base funding of } \$2,000 \text{ per community} + (\text{community K-12 FTE} \times \$62)] \times \text{NCI}$ ;
- j. School Funding Framework – Inclusive Schooling – Item (x) – Healing and Counselling: Base funding of \$10,000 per community +  $(\$60 \text{ per K-12 FTE} \times \text{NCI})$ ;
- k. School Funding Framework – Aboriginal Languages & Cultural Programs – Item (i) – Aboriginal Languages O&M:  $(\text{Base funding of } \$100,000 \text{ per education authority}) + (\$9,000 \times \text{number of communities minus one}) + (\text{Aboriginal K-12 FTE} \times \$125) \times \text{NCI}$ ; and
- l. School Funding Framework – Aboriginal Language & Cultural Programs – Item (ii): Education Assistants / Aboriginal Language specialists (EA/ALS): Aboriginal K-12 FTE per community, according to established table?