



Funding Mechanisms

Joint Task Team WORK PLAN 2017-2018

The Funding Mechanisms Joint Task Team Work Plan obtains its strategic direction from:

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Short Terms Goals January 2017-March 2017			
Goals	Discussion, Actions & Deliverables		
	MEETING 1: Jan 31–Feb 1	MEETING 2: Feb 20 – 21	MEETING 3: Mar 27 – 28
Finalize workplan, including, scope of work	- Identify draft goals and actions	- Finalize workplan and scope of work	
Identify principles for an education funding mechanism	- Identify draft principles		- Review principles and finalize
Understanding existing funding allocations and funding levels (i.e. Budget 2016)	- Presentation on Budget 2016 allocations - INAC to provide detailed handout on regional funding allocations for 2016 Budget	- Discussion on gaps of Budget 2016	- Regional sharing of successes with Budget 2016 money. What was our investment? (MAY 2016 REPORTING CYCLE)
Moving proposal-based funding to core. (Considerations and implications)		- INAC to present options for moving proposals to core; what are base amounts of core funding vs. proposal funding; type of recipients by region and potential disruptions (i.e. ARO's, RMO's)	Discussion on considerations and implications of moving proposals to core (i.e. 2 nd level services; block funding agreements)



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Options for funding formula allocations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of regional work and research (BC, MK, MFNERC, FNEC,...) - INAC summary of provincial funding models and research they have done. 	
Identify and cost First Nation-specific education funding elements			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary and lessons learned from Cost-Drivers report (2004). LINDA
Updated costing and understanding of Special Needs funding			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update of COO (Neil Shelley or COO) work on special education funding
Updated costing and understanding of land, language and culture funding			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look at Francophone funding for each province. (Minority language vs. immersion funding) -
Provincial tuition rates for First Nation students; Private schools; Parental choice		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional list of issues/concerns of provincial tuition funding. - Regional members to provide presentation/summary of some of the work



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Support for regional discussions of 'who' receives elements of funding under a new funding mechanism			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Inventory of who is receiving funding (INAC Expenditures project for 2010-11) (Aidan)- Who's getting what now and moving forward – Service Mapping (Jon Allen)
Recommendations for the 'how' funding will be allocated (i.e. mechanism/modality) for First Nations education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review of existing funding mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Detailed review of existing funding mechanisms; authorities within each; limitations and lessons learned (INAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Connect to and review recommendations from Statutory funding group and legislation options- Connect to AFN/Canada Fiscal Relations Working Group
Block funding agreement analysis (implications for change; improvements required; success and challenges)			<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bridge with Statutory Funding Task Team- Details of work/analysis on block funding (Meeting #2)



Medium/Long Term Goals April 1, 2017- March 2018	
Goals	Meeting Dates and Deliverables
Support for regional discussions of 'who' receives elements of funding under a new funding mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESEARCH: Study that communicates value of 2nd / 3rd level services. Options for different models and approaches. (FOR APR – JUL)
Transition planning for a new funding mechanism/formula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify those receiving majority proposal based funding and implications on overall funding
Data required to drive new funding formulas and models	
Identify and cost First Nation-specific education funding elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on costs Vocational education (esp. QC)
Updated costing and understanding of Special Needs funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of provincial approaches to Spec Ed, including Alberta's inclusive education model Approach to low cost, high cost and exceptional cases
Updated costing and understanding of land, language and culture funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update of funding costs for existing immersion programming (i.e. curriculum, support costs,...)
Updated costs and understanding for 2 nd and 3 rd level services (regional focus)	
Plan to support funding mechanisms for lifelong learning beyond K-12 (adult education, early years, post-secondary)	