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Administrative savings from school districts being directed back to students

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Surrey - The Government of British Columbia is redirecting \$25 million in administrative savings from school districts back into frontline services for students.

Education Minister Mike Bernier said districts can use the funding any way they see fit – for hiring new teachers, for programs, or for maintaining schools despite falling enrolment in certain regions.

“Our government is committed to ensuring that maximum education dollars go into services for students,” Bernier said. “Districts worked hard to reduce their administrative costs and we are pleased to be able to direct that \$25 million back to programs and initiatives that will directly benefit the kids of B.C.”

Districts made real efforts to reduce spending on their administration costs – and those efforts have made it possible to help flow those resources into classrooms and services for students. The amount of money being left with districts is equal to the Year 2 of Administrative savings districts were asked to find.

“The BC School Trustees Association is pleased that the Ministry of Education and government have been responsive to our ongoing advocacy,” said BC School Trustees Association president Teresa Rezansoff. “We thank them for engaging in open dialogue with us regarding the funding concerns of school districts. Local autonomy to allocate the money based on local priorities is important.”

School districts have been informed that they will not have to pay their share of \$25 million worth of provincial charges this year, and instead can redirect that money into frontline services for students.

“We are giving districts the ability to invest in their individual priorities,” Bernier added. “This provides a great opportunity for each district to spend the money in a way that will best meet the needs of the students of that district.”

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Backgrounders

Administrative savings for reinvestment, by district

SD 5 Southeast Kootenay - \$277,377

SD 6 Rocky Mountain - \$168,700
SD 8 Kootenay Lake - \$252,383
SD 10 Arrow Lakes - \$36,091
SD 19 Revelstoke - \$51,315
SD 20 Kootenay-Columbia - \$178,204
SD 22 Vernon - \$382,586
SD 23 Central Okanagan - \$967,983
SD 27 Cariboo-Chilcotin - \$259,687
SD 28 Quesnel - \$168,780
SD 33 Chilliwack - \$603,535
SD 34 Abbotsford - \$846,484
SD 35 Langley - \$851,770
SD 36 Surrey - \$3,128,483
SD 37 Delta - \$690,188
SD 38 Richmond - \$871,987
SD 39 Vancouver - \$2,251,318
SD 40 New Westminster - \$295,560
SD 41 Burnaby - \$1,027,783
SD 42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows - \$631,773
SD 43 Coquitlam - \$1,338,556
SD 44 North Vancouver - \$665,252
SD 45 West Vancouver - \$284,472
SD 46 Sunshine Coast - \$182,072
SD 47 Powell River - \$105,664
SD 48 Sea to Sky - \$224,674
SD 49 Central Coast - \$28,001

SD 50 Haida Gwaii - \$50,678
SD 51 Boundary - \$77,888
SD 52 Prince Rupert - \$123,861
SD 53 Okanagan Similkameen - \$118,102
SD 54 Bulkley Valley - \$110,533
SD 57 Prince George - \$622,655
SD 58 Nicola-Similkameen - \$122,301
SD 59 Peace River South - \$205,328
SD 60 Peace River North - \$307,317
SD 61 Greater Victoria - \$827,353
SD 62 Sooke - \$450,041
SD 63 Saanich - \$329,692
SD 64 Gulf Islands - \$99,976
SD 67 Okanagan Skaha - \$266,527
SD 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith - \$593,079
SD 69 Qualicum - \$197,263
SD 70 Alberni - \$184,456
SD 71 Comox Valley - \$354,941
SD 72 Campbell River - \$255,596
SD 73 Kamloops/Thompson - \$673,698
SD 74 Gold Trail - \$97,792
SD 75 Mission - \$280,146
SD 78 Fraser-Cascade - \$96,520
SD 79 Cowichan Valley - \$348,411
SD 81 Fort Nelson - \$48,645
SD 82 Coast Mountains - \$248,728

SD 83 North Okanagan-Shuswap - \$302,206

SD 84 Vancouver Island West - \$40,077

SD 85 Vancouver Island North - \$89,257

SD 87 Stikine - \$27,319

SD 91 Nechako Lakes - \$253,903

SD 92 Nisga'a - \$38,961

SD 93 Conseil scolaire francophone - \$386,075