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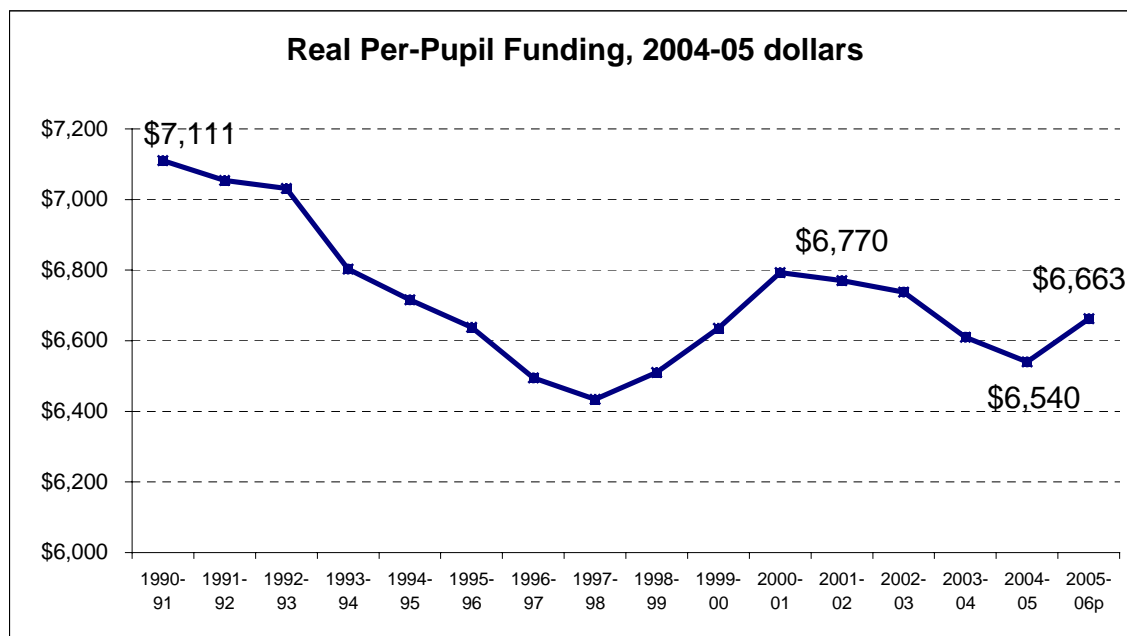
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Real Per-pupil Operating Funding in the B.C. Public Education system, 1990–91 to 2005–06p

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The chart below shows real per-pupil operating funding (2004–05 dollars) beginning in 1990–91, up to projected funding for 2005–06. (See Table 1 for figures.)



The projected operating funding for 2005–06 includes a recently-announced increase of \$150 million¹. One-third of this amount had already been announced in the 2004 budget, making only \$90 million in “new” funding for 2005–06.

In 2001–02, the real per-pupil funding amount was \$6,770. In 2004–05 it had dropped to \$6,540, a decline of \$230 per-pupil. The \$150 million announced for next year does increase the per-student amount, but the result is still \$108 per student less than the 2001–02 funding level.

¹ News Release and Background, 2005BCED0006-000070, Ministry of Education and Office of the Premier, January 31, 2005.

The figures in Table 1, below, have been adjusted for unfunded salary increases beginning in 2002–03. Also, the 2004–05 amounts have been adjusted for MSP, pension, Hydro, and unfunded salary costs downloaded to school boards, and exclude funds allocated for the implementation of GAAP (for details, see Table 2).

Table 1: Real Per-pupil Funding, 1990–01 to 2004–05, adjusted for downloaded costs

| | A | B | C | D | E |
|----------|----------------------------|--|---------------------|---|---|
| Year | Final Funded FTE enrolment | Total provincial operating funding (less downloaded costs) | BC CPI 2004-05 base | Real Operating Funding, 2004-05 dollars | Real Per-pupil Funding, 2004-05 dollars |
| 1990-91 | 507,397.4 | \$ 2,675,506,131 | 74.2 | \$ 3,607,924,472 | \$ 7,111 |
| 1991-92 | 527,845.2 | \$ 2,920,497,183 | 78.4 | \$ 3,723,404,069 | \$ 7,054 |
| 1992-93 | 540,390.4 | \$ 3,077,339,133 | 81.0 | \$ 3,799,763,259 | \$ 7,032 |
| 1993-94 | 554,194 | \$ 3,158,886,024 | 83.8 | \$ 3,770,183,221 | \$ 6,803 |
| 1994-95 | 568,426 | \$ 3,286,587,447 | 86.1 | \$ 3,817,594,405 | \$ 6,716 |
| 1995-96 | 581,262.8 | \$ 3,391,437,656 | 87.9 | \$ 3,858,236,659 | \$ 6,638 |
| 1996-97 | 594,603.7 | \$ 3,451,725,954 | 89.4 | \$ 3,861,737,600 | \$ 6,495 |
| 1997-98 | 603,974.1 | \$ 3,495,875,261 | 90.0 | \$ 3,886,082,747 | \$ 6,434 |
| 1998-99 | 602,678.2 | \$ 3,545,832,336 | 90.4 | \$ 3,923,666,929 | \$ 6,510 |
| 1999-00 | 601,846.2 | \$ 3,628,402,195 | 90.9 | \$ 3,993,214,372 | \$ 6,635 |
| 2000-01 | 597,948.1 | \$ 3,744,145,497 | 92.2 | \$ 4,061,729,267 | \$ 6,793 |
| 2001-02 | 595,156.9 | \$ 3,793,878,997 | 94.2 | \$ 4,029,338,270 | \$ 6,770 |
| 2002-03 | 587,247.15 | \$ 3,790,614,895 | 95.8 | \$ 3,956,698,537 | \$ 6,738 |
| 2003-04 | 580,483.54 | \$ 3,770,745,502 | 98.3 | \$ 3,837,065,147 | \$ 6,610 |
| 2004-05 | 574,230.03 | \$ 3,755,591,924 | 100.0 | \$ 3,755,591,924 | \$ 6,540 |
| 2005-06p | 568,591 | \$ 3,864,053,461 | 102.0 | \$ 3,788,287,707 | \$ 6,663 |

Notes:

- A** Source: Ministry of Education, Revenue and Expenditure Information, various years. From Table 2, FTE Funded Enrolment, 2000–01 to 2004–05. Totals include funded adult students. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/accountability/district/revenue/0405/
- B** Source: Ministry of Education, Revenue and Expenditure Information, various years. From Table 3, Provincial Funding Amounts, 2000–01 to 2002–03. Amounts for 2001–02 include a Special Purpose grant, and additional grants for Implementation Training/Provincial Education initiatives, Learning Resources, Provincial Learning Networks, and the Provincial Collective Agreement. With the exception of the PLN grant, the other separate grants were discontinued in 2002–03, and rolled in to the operating grant with the introduction of a new funding formula. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/accountability/district/revenue/0203/, Table 1, Provincial Funding Amounts, 2000–01 to 2004–05. Amount for 2004–05 includes Provincial Learning Network. www.bced.gov.bc.ca/accountability/district/revenue/0405/
- C** Statistics Canada BC CPI. Converted to school fiscal by BCTF Research.
- D** Adjusted for downloaded MSP, pension, Hydro, and salary costs; excludes GAAP funding (2004-05).

At the provincial level, costs downloaded by the ministry to districts totalled approximately \$106.7 million in 2004–05. Taking into account the \$35 million cost to fund district implementation of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the total reaches almost \$142 million. (Table 1)

Table 2. Total downloaded costs, including GAAP, 2004–05

| Downloaded cost | Amount |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pension increase | \$ 12,692,502 |
| MSP Premiums | \$ 18,300,000 |
| Unfunded salary increase | \$ 73,228,563 |
| Hydro | \$ 2,505,038 |
| GAAP | \$ 35,000,000 |
| Total (2004-05) | \$ 141,726,102 |

For district funding data specific to 2001–02 and 2004–05, see Research Report 2005-EF-01, “Real per-pupil operating funding, by district, in the B.C. public education system, 2001–02 and 2004–05” (www.bctf.ca/ResearchReports/2005ef01).

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