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Full-Time-Equivalent Teachers, 2001-02 to 2005-06

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The two-week teacher job-action ending October 2005 resulted in the infusion of an additional \$20 million into the base budget for the 2005-06 school year, and the hiring of 547 FTE teachers, reducing the overall decline in teaching positions since 2001 from 6.5% to 4.9%.

Table 1 shows the full-time-equivalent staffing positions as at September 30, in both 2001 and 2005. Over this 5-year period there was a loss of 2,177.2905, or 6.5%, full-time-equivalent teachers. The majority of losses were from specialist areas such as English as a Second Language (-166.96), Teacher-Librarians (-180.51), and Special Education teachers (-693.85).

Over the same time period there was an 11% increase in education assistants (+760.03 FTE positions), and public school student enrolment declined by 4.1%.

Table 1: Full-time-equivalent teachers, September 2001 and September 2005

	2001-02	2005-06	Number Change	Percent Change
Student FTE Enrolment	595,156.90	570,909.53	24,247.37	-4.1%
Teachers	33,275.44	31,098.15	-2,177.29	-6.5%
Career program	340.23	249.10	-91.12	-26.8%
Teacher-librarians	921.79	741.28	-180.51	-19.6%
Counsellors	990.92	901.61	-89.30	-9.0%
Special education*	4,051.47	3,357.89	-693.58	-17.1%
Aboriginal education	205.89	197.09	-8.80	-4.3%
Continuing education	122.87	81.04	-41.83	-34.0%
English as a Second Language	1,015.60	848.64	-166.96	-16.4%
Off-shore students	151.23	359.34	208.11	137.6%
Education assistants	6,896.17	7,656.20	760.03	11.0%
Clerical and support staff	11,947.20	11,086.44	-860.77	-7.2%
Administrators	2,668.43	2,591.45	-76.99	-2.9%

*For 2001, special education teachers include 1.04 Learning Assistance; 1.13 Special Health Services; 1.16 Severe Behavior; 1.17 High Incidence-Low Cost; 1.18 Low Incidence-High Cost; 1.19 Dependent Handicapped; 1.32 Gifted; 1.33 Hospital/Homebound; and 1.45 Identification/Planning.

Table 2 shows the changes in full-time-equivalent teaching positions between September 2001 and September 2005, as well as between September 2001 and January 2006.

Taking into account the positions filled after the teacher job action this fall, there is a loss of 1,630.4655, down 4.9% between September 2001 and January 2006.

Table 2: Changes in FTE teaching positions, 2001 to 2005 and 2006

SD #	School District Name	FTE Teachers Sept 30, 2001	FTE Teachers Sept 30, 2005	Percent Change (Sept 2001 to Sept 2005)	FTE Teachers (\$20m grant, Jan 31, 2006)	FTE Teachers (Jan 2006)	Percent Change, Total FTEs (Sept 2001 to Jan 2006)
5	Southeast Kootenay	364.138	309.589	-15.0%	4.2	313.789	-13.8%
6	Rocky Mountain	239.078	189.101	-20.9%	2.3	191.401	-19.9%
8	Kootenay Lake	339.971	303.399	-10.8%	2.5	305.899	-10.0%
10	Arrow Lakes	50.67	39.637	-21.8%	0.5	40.137	-20.8%
19	Revelstoke	83.672	75.021	-10.3%	1.1	76.121	-9.0%
20	Kootenay-Columbia	290.25	249.303	-14.1%	4	253.303	-12.7%
22	Vernon	490.62	472.6468	-3.7%	9.2	481.8468	-1.8%
23	Central Okanagan	1,160.21	1141.69	-1.6%	17	1,158.69	-0.1%
27	Cariboo-Chilcotin	419.133	349.1205	-16.7%	5.1	354.2205	-15.5%
28	Quesnel	255.536	230.564	-9.8%	3.2	233.764	-8.5%
33	Chilliwack	629.857	610.3598	-3.1%	13.1	623.4598	-1.0%
34	Abbotsford	1,044.067	965.897	-7.5%	20	985.897	-5.6%
35	Langley	1,099.027	997.223	-9.3%	16.9	1,014.123	-7.7%
36	Surrey	3,496.095	3,573.549	2.2%	72	3,645.549	4.3%
37	Delta	907.71	906.64	-0.1%	14.1	920.74	1.4%
38	Richmond	1,344.312	1,215.977	-9.5%	10.7	1,226.677	-8.8%
39	Vancouver	3,479.07	3,289.78	-5.4%	66	3,355.78	-3.5%
40	New Westminster	341.428	370.538	8.5%	4	374.538	9.7%
41	Burnaby	1,371.09	1,332.63	-2.8%	20	1,352.63	-1.3%
42	Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	863.574	857.838	-0.7%	16.7	874.538	1.3%
43	Coquitlam	1,838.125	1,744.744	-5.1%	41.4	1,786.144	-2.8%
44	North Vancouver	1,002.8	904.027	-9.8%	18.6	922.627	-8.0%
45	West Vancouver	355.44	351.55	-1.1%	6.1	357.65	0.6%
46	Sunshine Coast	231.529	210.61	-9.0%	3.1	213.71	-7.7%
47	Powell River	160.505	134.31	-16.3%	3.4	137.71	-14.2%
48	Howe Sound	253.678	228.792	-9.8%	3.8	232.592	-8.3%
49	Central Coast	31.5	28.39	-9.9%	0.125	28.515	-9.5%
50	Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte	62.577	48.53	-22.4%	0.8	49.33	-21.2%
51	Boundary	111.175	94.09	-15.4%	1.2	95.29	-14.3%
52	Prince Rupert	209.997	168.94	-19.6%	2.5	171.44	-18.4%
53	Okanagan Similkameen	172.426	152.984	-11.3%	2.8	155.784	-9.7%
54	Bulkley Valley	162.915	145.324	-10.8%	2.4	147.724	-9.3%
57	Prince George	1,008.755	809.941	-19.7%	16.8	826.741	-18.0%
58	Nicola-Similkameen	173.521	152.6223	-12.0%	2.3	1,54.9223	-10.7%
59	Peace River South	242.843	234.857	-3.3%	3.5	238.357	-1.8%
60	Peace River North	308.312	310.954	0.9%	3.7	314.654	2.1%
61	Greater Victoria	1,144.081	1,042.435	-8.9%	19.3	1,061.735	-7.2%

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62	Sooke	460.5	439.796	-4.5%	9.6	449.396	-2.4%
63	Saanich	465.302	416.9864	-10.4%	8	424.9864	-8.7%
64	Gulf Islands	98.36	87.7016	-10.8%	0	87.7016	-10.8%
67	Okanagan Skaha	400.798	370.9	-7.5%	6.6	377.5	-5.8%
68	Nanaimo-Ladysmith	896.558	794.245	-11.4%	14.2	808.445	-9.8%
69	Qualicum	277.169	263.68	-4.9%	3.9	267.58	-3.5%
70	Alberni	272.3757	250.816	-7.9%	5	255.816	-6.1%
71	Comox Valley	515.311	467.148	-9.3%	7.6	474.748	-7.9%
72	Campbell River	380.671	335.784	-11.8%	5	340.784	-10.5%
73	Kamloops/Thompson	903.38	807.451	-10.6%	13.4	820.851	-9.1%
74	Gold Trail	144.4289	113.05	-21.7%	1	114.05	-21.0%
75	Mission	397.615	370.334	-6.9%	6.6	376.934	-5.2%
78	Fraser-Cascade	140.232	129.772	-7.5%	1.9	131.672	-6.1%
79	Cowichan Valley	559.76	502.433	-10.2%	8	510.433	-8.8%
81	Fort Nelson	73.2055	61.284	-16.3%	1.8	63.084	-13.8%
82	Coast Mountains	393.726	344.7686	-12.4%	5.5	350.2686	-11.0%
83	North Okanagan-Shuswap	442.27	399.8	-9.6%	6.1	405.9	-8.2%
84	Vancouver Island West	51.17	36	-29.6%	0.4	36.4	-28.9%
85	Vancouver Island North	143.76	97.39	-32.3%	2.2	99.59	-30.7%
87	Stikine	26	21	-19.2%	0.2	21.2	-18.5%
91	Nechako Lakes	263.488	272.399	3.4%	4.4	276.799	5.1%
92	Nisga'a	46	40	-13.0%	1	41	-10.9%
93	Conseil scolaire francophone	183.671	231.8056	26.2%	0	231.8056	26.2%
	Province	33,275.4381	31,098.1476	-6.5%	546.825	31,644.973	-4.9%

In keeping with Vince Ready's recommendation that the money be "targeted to class size and special needs students," the additional teachers hired were predominantly specialist teachers, including learning assistance teachers, resource teachers, counsellors, Aboriginal support teachers, and ESL teachers.

The \$20 million will be incorporated into the base operating budget and therefore available to school districts each year. However, in subsequent years the money will be spent over the full school year, not over a partial year as is currently the case. This will likely mean a reduction in the number of full-time-equivalent positions funded from this source.

Sources

Counts of teachers hired from the \$20 million were collected by BCTF Field Services staff. All other staffing data are from the Ministry of Education, Form 1530 annual data collection. Student data from Ministry of Education, 2001/02 - 2005/06 Student Statistics, www.bced.gov.bc.ca/reporting/enrol/student.php.

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