




# Education Funding 2014

## *What's in it for public schools?*




**Freeze on operating grants to school districts for the third year in a row**



**No new funding to cover inflation, MSP premium hikes, BC Hydro rates and other cost pressures**



**By mid April, 20 of 60 school districts reported shortfalls totalling about \$73 million**



**Cuts to programs and services means fewer classroom and specialist teachers**

If operating expenditures for BC public schools had increased at the same rate as the national average from 2006-2011, there would be an additional \$583.5 million to support BC students.

The only improvement to BC schools for 2014-15 is the additional \$15 million for the Learning Improvement Fund. LIF does not address wide-ranging cuts to education services arising from budget shortfalls.

Source: BCTF Research Report. *Budget 2014. What's in it for public schools? More budget shortfalls and ongoing cuts to educational services.*  
<http://www.bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/Publications/ResearchReports/RR2014-04.pdf>