

Message from the Minister

I am pleased to provide you with Alberta Learning's Funding Manual for School Authorities for the 2003-2004 school year. Included is a Summary of Significant Changes for 2003-2004.

The manual provides details on the funding available for 2003-2004, funding criteria, requirements and procedures that apply to funding, and the funding rates.

I have authorized this Funding Manual for School Authorities for use by school jurisdictions, private schools, and private Early Childhood Services (ECS) operators to access Alberta Learning funding. This funding is for the provision of approved education programs for students in grades 1 to 12 and ECS children.

I encourage you to review the manual, noting the changes and revisions indicated by the notations "New" and "Revised". Additionally, for school jurisdictions, the 2003-2004 school year is the transition year to begin the implementation of the renewed Funding Framework. Part 1 of the manual has been reorganized and reformatted with significant changes to the content. The Summary of Significant Changes outlines these changes.

Any questions or comments may be directed to the appropriate contact listed on pages 3 and 4 of the Introduction section.

Best wishes for a successful 2003-2004 school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lyle Oberg
Minister of Learning