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K-12 Schools

These programs and services are directed at schools across Nunavut. It includes the delivery of Kindergarten – grade 12 instruction, support services to students, teacher training, support to District Education Authorities, curriculum and resource material development, teacher professional development and administration.

Objectives

- Provide quality classroom instruction to all K-12 students across Nunavut within their community
- Develop curriculum that meets the needs of Inuit students
- Support the community DEA in a manner that fosters cooperation between schools, community and families
- Increase the number of Inuit teachers across Nunavut
- Support the professional growth of teachers in Nunavut

Programs	Main Estimates (\$000)	2002-03	2003-04
Kindergarten – Grade 12 instruction		68,711	73,448
Provides support to schools across Nunavut for the delivery of the Kindergarten through Grade 12 educational program. Covers salary and operations and maintenance costs related to the delivery of the K-12 program.			
Support to District Education Authorities		9,972	9,867
Contributions to District Educational Authorities for administration costs and for delivery of some educational programs under the direction of the DEA.			
Inuit Educational Leadership		103	219
Provides support for on-going training and development for Inuit educators to take on educational leadership positions within the school system. This assists them to attend the Summer Educational Leadership Program and or other training opportunities.			
Teacher Education Strategy		1,995	1,879
Provides support for Inuit education leadership and teacher education programs delivery primarily at the community level and is linked with the Inuit Employment Plan and Article 23.			
Teacher Professional Development		1,517	1,770
Financial contribution through a contractual agreement with Teachers Federation Joint Committee made up of Federation and Department of Education management. Teachers are able to access full time and short term professional development opportunities.			

Curriculum, Program Development and Student Supports 3,211 4,771

This program pays for the administration and delivery of the following programs: K-12 curriculum development, Support for the Teaching and Learning Centres, student support and DEA development. As per the Bathurst Mandate, curriculum coordinators are engaged in rewriting curricula for K-12 in Nunavut.

School Services – Director 504 208

School Services Director’s Office provides overall direction and administration for Curriculum Development, Student Support, DEA Development.

School Operations – Regional 5,581 5,372

School Operations provide services and ongoing support to District Education Authorities and community schools and is responsible for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 program. Regional offices are located in Pond Inlet, Baker Lake and Kugluktuk and serve 42 schools across Nunavut by providing program support and supervision of schools.

Total, K-12 Schools 91,594 97,534

Accomplishments (2001 & 2002)

- Completed restructuring of former Divisional Education Councils
- Completed the decentralization of the Regional School Operations office from Iqaluit to Pond Inlet
- Completed a School Formula Funding review
- Initiated a revision of the Education Act, completed second reading and currently with the Standing Committee for review
- Completed a Language of Instruction report that will generate discussion on the future direction
- Completed Curriculum and Teaching and Learning Centres Strategy documents

Priorities (2003-04)

- Conduct a series of public meetings for public input on the Language of Instruction report
- Implement recommendations from the School Formula Funding report through the budget process
- Implement recommendations from Curriculum Strategy
- Based on the Language of Instruction consultation, recommend a final LOI approach to cabinet and proceed with related curriculum, resource, and teacher training plans