

NOTES RE: SEPT 28 LUNCH AND LEARN WITH EDU

The following notes are aligned with the PPT slide questions that were submitted to EDU regarding DSB PSW programming.

Representing EDU: Angelika Kerr

Welcome and introductions from Anita Plunkett from CESBA.

Angelika Kerr from EDU began with some **important reminders**:

*The 2022/2203 TPAs have been sent to directors and included is the PSW Project schedule outlining the details, amount of funding, etc. Each board will get a TPA reporting outline and schedule from Angelika.

*October 31, 2022, report is due for last year's (2021/2022), funding project that will include your tracking of funding expenditures. Please be as accurate and as up to date as possible.

NOTES ON QUESTIONS FROM PPT SLIDE:

1. Funding for the 2022/2023 year includes:

*Waiver of program fees typically charged to a student. Each board's allocation has been based on the actual fee amount that the board charges, (up to a maximum of \$2,000/student). Included is a bit of a buffer to account for any additional students over your projected enrolment.

*Grant, (not being called a stipend for this round of funding), of a maximum of \$5,115/student in acknowledgement of placement hours they complete.

*Placement recognition amount of \$2.75/hr/student-not to exceed \$852.50, (based on 310 placement hours). This is to be paid directly to the placement providers.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Funding to support rural, remote, and northern board regions to support covering the costs of running a program with lower student enrolment. (i.e.: if a board needs 15 students to run a program in a rural, remote or northern region, but only recruit a class of 10, funding can be used to support costs to run at this lower number)

Funding to be used to support student retention in the program, i.e.: day care costs, gas cards, grocery cards would be eligible. Support should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and boards are cautioned to be judicial and not necessarily open it up to all students.

Rent of space to run a program should be covered by GSN funding and therefore is not eligible to be covered by this funding.

Advised to reach out to Angelika if you have specific questions regarding the above.

2. Talks with MLTISD, Federal government and EDU are still on-going surrounding this EI issue. At this time, there is no new information to be shared. Advise to reach out to local Service Canada office, (link provided in Zoom meeting chat).

Regarding ODSP and OW recipients, the process remains the same as in 2021/2022.

MOH has reached out to MCCSS and they are aware of the continued funding for PSW programming.

Advised to reach to Angelika if your student(s) are experiencing any issues in this area.

3. EDU cannot give advice on the issuing of T4A's. Advise to have a discussion with your individual board business office and CRA. It is important in the discussions to be clear on the intent of the funding. This is a PSW bursary program and the funding in recognition for placement hours is a grant, not an hourly salary or wage.

4. MLTISD has some initiatives, some provincially, some regionally, to support those in PSW training. The funding school boards are receiving to support students should not be altered unless not doing so would negatively affect the student. Advise to look at each on a case-by-case basis. Students should have access to as much of the funding as possible. Only stipulation is if the student is employed and using those employment hours towards their required placement hours, (i.e.: they have been hired by a LTC home, or home care agency while taking the program), the stipend should be reduced so that they are no earning more than \$16.50 per hour.

5. Unfortunately, at this time, there is no information on whether the funding will be extended past March 31, 2023.
Any student who is registered and starting the program between April 1, 2022, and March 31, 2023, are eligible to receive the funding.
Some boards do have cohorts that extend past March 31, 2023, and as long as students are registered and the program has started by this date, they will be eligible.
If any board is interested in adding additional programs, (i.e.: to begin no later than March 31 and continue throughout the summer), please reach out to Angelika to discuss.

6. It has been laid out clearly in the TPA what the requirements are for reporting to EDU regarding the funding. Make sure to be clear in your claim, (i.e.: if your board would charge \$1,800 as a program fee normally, do not claim the \$2,000 maximum that has been allocated).
Boards may wish to keep specific calculations and data regarding their specific programming and the funding for their own auditing purposes.
Business operational expenses: boards will make decisions on how/what this will look like regarding support for administrative costs, IT costs and the potential to purchase equipment. Advise to have discussions with your business office on this.
Once this PSW bursary ends, CESBA collections will be the only source of PSW data for the ministry, so it is important for boards to report both to CESBA and the ministry.