

EDI Funding

– St Paul’s School (Dallington) and Our Lady of Fatima School

When the Minister and the Proprietor agree to close an integrated school, additional resourcing is made available to strengthen students’ education. This is known as the Education Development Initiative (EDI). This fact sheet provides information about how EDI funding for is generated and allocated, and how it can be used.

The EDI cash grant is intended to support the ongoing education and achievement of the students whose schools are closing.

It can be used to:

- » manage the school closure/establishment process
- » help transition students to their new school
- » support projects/programmes that focus on strengthening student achievement.

The Boards of the closing schools are likely to signal how they would like the EDI cash grant generated by its school to be spent, for example, to help its students transition to their new school/s or to continue with a programme that had been successfully operating at the closing school.

The EDI cash grant funding is ‘owned’ by the school where students enrol post closure. It is to be used to strengthen education across the school, rather than just for the use of the students from the closed schools. It can be used from the date the final decision is gazetted on receipt of an application and invoice.

All applications need to show how the additional funding will be used to support student learning and should show the links to the school’s achievement targets and goals in its annual plan.

Examples of some possible uses are:

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| » providing additional support for students who are finding the transition difficult | » support for drafting school curriculum documents |
| » additional ICT provision – hardware, cabling, software | » new uniform design and subsidy for new uniforms for students from closing schools |
| » assessing and purchasing additional curriculum resources | » new school logo, signage and re-branding |
| » purchasing sports equipment | » assessing professional development needs and purchasing support. |
| » additional teacher or teacher aide resources for a period of time | |

Note: The EDI cash grant cannot be used to address property or transport issues or costs.

How is EDI funding generated?

EDI funding will be generated by the number of students from the smaller school (St Paul's School) that were on the roll at 1 March 2014¹.

EDI cash grant is calculated using the figures in the table below:

	EDI cash grant
No students left	\$10,000 only
1st – 10th students	\$10,000 each
11th – 20th students	\$8,500 each
21st – 50th students	\$5,500 each
51st – 100th students	\$3,500 each
101st – 200th students	\$3,000 each
201st and over	\$2,500 each

In this situation \$792,000 is generated by the closure of these schools. It is based on the roll of St Paul's School at 1 March 2014 which was 189.

How is EDI funding allocated?

The funding available for the **EDI cash grant**² is divided by the number of students on the roll of both schools on the last day of term prior to closure (per student funding).

The schools that enrol students from the closed schools will be eligible for **EDI cash grant funding** (per student funding x number of students enrolled).

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) will be developed and signed by the Ministry and a:

- » closing school Board
- » Boards from schools where students from closing schools enrol.

The MoA will in part detail the level and use of, and the likely timeframes in which, the EDI funding will be needed. Schools apply for the funding as they need it – the funding doesn't just get added to operational funding.

¹ March 2014 was the closest return to the day that consultation about closure was initiated

² Available EDI cash grant equals the generated amount less any committed prior to the closure.

Notes:

- » Schools outside greater Christchurch that enrol students from the closed schools will not be eligible for EDI funding.
- » Schools have six years from the date of closure to access the EDI cash grant. However it is desirable that the schools access the funds to support the students for whom it is primarily intended.

For further information contact your senior advisor.

Further information is available on the *Shaping Education* website www.shapingeducation.govt.nz

