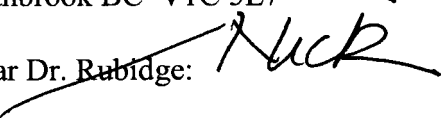


Our Ref. 56326

Dr. Nick Rubidge
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Dear Dr. Rubidge:


Education and skills are critical to achieving long term economic and social success. Government has recognized this fact in its first Great Goal for the decade ahead:

“Make British Columbia the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent”.

British Columbia’s post-secondary system, working in partnership with government, will play a key role in meeting this goal.

On behalf of the Minister of Advanced Education, I am writing to provide you with information regarding government’s priorities relating to the post-secondary education system, the Ministry of Advanced Education’s (AVED) goals and objectives, and your institution’s budget and accountabilities for 2006/07-2008/09.

I. OVERVIEW

Government’s Strategic Plan clearly articulates the importance of education, and research and innovation. A complete copy of the plan is available at the following website:

<http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2006/stplan/>

AVED’s 2006/07-2008/09 Service Plan flows from the Government Strategic Plan, and identifies Ministry goals, objectives, strategies, performance measures and targets. A copy of the Service Plan is available at:

<http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2006/sp/ae/>

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AVED remains committed to the Strategic Investment Plan – a rolling six year Plan for post-secondary education – as its primary focus. Specifically, this initiative is designed to increase participation in post-secondary education in every region of the province; to target key program areas that will support economic and social priorities of government; and to enhance under-represented learners' access to post-secondary education.

2006/07 marks the half-way point of the initial six year Plan and is an appropriate time to take stock of the progress of the Plan and to start discussions concerning the second six year phase to ensure government can achieve its education goals by 2015/16. Attachment 1 provides an update on the three components of the Strategic Investment Plan.

Achieving the goal to “make BC the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent” requires the post-secondary education system to continue adapting and moving to a higher level of excellence.

While the Strategic Investment Plan is the fundamental building block for access, the Ministry and government are embarking on a process of change for the Ministry called Evolving AVED which involves recognizing our new mandate of research, technology and innovation, as well as opportunities for new partnerships within our post-secondary system.

We want to thank you for your input into Evolving AVED this past fall. Out of this process, the Ministry will be adopting a new cultural goal, formalizing a set of key values and adopting a new organizational structure to enhance our daily interactions both within the Ministry and with our partner institutions and students/learners. The new structure will focus on promoting a community of learners and a vibrant economy in British Columbia.

The recent Throne Speech and Budget highlighted a number of projects particularly relevant to our emerging Research and Innovation (R&I) Strategy. We will continue to work on the R&I Strategy, especially the component support for graduate students: seat funding, scholarships and internships.

We will also continue to work on other priorities including improvements to Student Financial Assistance programs, Aboriginal post-secondary education and adult literacy/life-long learning. The Ministry will also be advancing policy work in the area of private post-secondary quality assurance.

Government tuition policy to limit tuition fee increases to the rate of inflation will continue. Institutions are also encouraged to reflect the spirit of the tuition limit policy in setting mandatory fee increases. When planning the introduction of new mandatory fees, institutions are asked to consult with students, their board of governors and the Ministry.

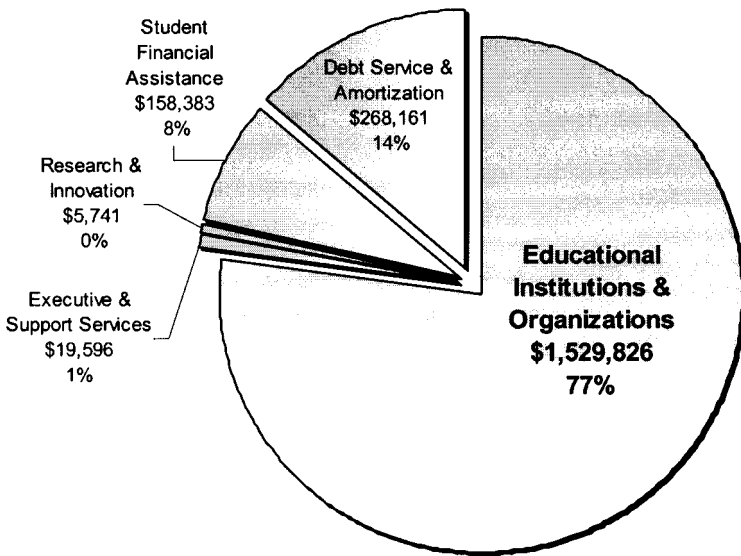
The recent Throne Speech and Budget highlighted several one-time opportunities for the system which include the Natural Resources and Applied Sciences Research Endowment (\$50 million); Genome BC funding (\$45 million one-time); the Digital Media Education Centre (\$40.5 million - part one-time and part endowment); Alzheimer Research Funding (\$15 million); and, a Cancer Prevention Research Chair (\$4 million).

II. BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

AVED's 2006/07-2008/09 Budget

AVED's budget is \$1,981.7 million for 2006/07, \$70.2 million higher than the 2005/06 budget. By 2008/09, government will invest an additional \$186 million into the post-secondary education system.

The following chart and table show the breakdown of the Ministry's and the Educational Institutions and Organizations' (EIO) budgets and full-time student equivalent (FTE) allocations for 2006/07.



EIO Budget	\$Ms	FTEs*
Universities – Operating Grants	830.9	84,999
Colleges, University Colleges and Institutes Operating Grants	596.7	84,998
Sub-total Operating Grants	1,427.6	169,997
Annual Capital Allowance	65.8	
Targeted and Other	53.4	
Total EIO Budget	1,529.8	169,997

*Reflects enrolment reporting method.

Preliminary AVED budgets for 2007/08 (\$2,057.2 million) and 2008/09 (\$2,097.5 million) are provided for planning purposes and are subject to change given that funding is voted by the Legislature on an annual basis.

Your institution's specific transfers and FTE allocations over the next three fiscal years are provided in Attachment 2. Additional details regarding operating transfers and other funding allocations affecting your institution are provided in Attachment 3.

Targets for 2007/08 and 2008/09 are provided for planning purposes. I am pleased to confirm that the Ministry will be making changes to enhance the responsiveness of the budget process. In support of the 2007/08 budget process, the Ministry will embark on a new process that supports early planning (May-June), further consultation (September-October) and decisions (February-March). We are working with the relevant coordinating groups to develop a process that works for all of us.

III. ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

The Accountability Framework identifies the performance measures for the public post-secondary system. The performance measures were developed in consultation with institutional representatives, in particular the Accountability Framework Advisory Committee and the Performance Measures Working Group. The non-FTE targets were also developed with input from the Performance Measures Working Group. Institutional performance measures and targets for 2006/07-2008/09 are provided in Attachment 4.

Performance is planned and reported through institutional service plans and reports. Institutional Service Plans for the period 2006/07-2008/09 should be submitted to the Minister via the Ministry, and available on your website, by May 19, 2006. The core content remains virtually the same as last year, with a few performance measure changes. To assist in developing the Institutional Service Plan for 2006/07-2008/09, support material (core content; list of performance measures; Guidelines and Templates; and the Standards Manual) will be sent to your Service Plan Contact, and are also available at:

<http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/accountability/>

The results from last year's Institutional Service Plan (2005/06-2007/08) are to be reported in your 2005/06 Institutional Service Plan Report. These are to be submitted to the Minister via the Ministry, and available on your website, by July 14, 2006 (except for institutions in transition that may be advised otherwise). To assist in developing your Institutional Service Plan Report, support material for this document will also be sent to your Service Plan Contact.

IV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Attachment 5 summarizes the reports that institutions are asked to submit in accordance with the Budget and Accountability letter. If unanticipated issues arise, please be advised that the Ministry may require supplemental reports from your institution.

V. SUMMARY

Budget 2006/07 represents a significant step forward in the evolution of the post-secondary system. Continuing the course of supporting access through the Strategic Investment Plan, bold new approaches for research and innovation, and the upcoming post-secondary system review, will help the post-secondary education system ensure that British Columbia is in fact the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction on the continent.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in working with the Ministry and other system partners in providing students with an accessible, affordable, high quality and relevant post-secondary education.

Sincerely,



Moura Quayle
Deputy Minister

Attachment 1 – Strategic Investment Plan Update
Attachment 2 – Institutional 2006/07-2008/09 Operating Transfers
Attachment 3 – Additional Information
Attachment 4 – 2006/07 – 2008/09 Performance Targets
Attachment 5 – 2006/07 Reporting Requirements

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Mr. Jim Reed, President
BC College Presidents

ATTACHMENT 1 Strategic Investment Plan Update

Information regarding the three components of the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) are provided below.

1. **Increasing Opportunities** – the original six year SIP was to add 25,000 spaces by 2009/10. In 2005/06, government announced an additional 3,000 spaces in 2010/11. The Ministry remains committed to this plan which includes operating funds, capital funds and student financial assistance funding.

a. Operating Funding: Seat Allocation

Based on softening enrolment in some areas of the province due primarily to improved economic conditions, and higher than anticipated demand in other areas, some minor reallocations have been made for 2006/07 to better meet current demand. Additional reallocations will be considered for 2007/08 based on continued monitoring of enrolment trends. The Ministry will also undertake a consultative process to determine whether the post-secondary education system should continue to expand beyond 2010/11 and what measures could be taken to enhance participation in regions with relatively low participation rates.

The Ministry continues to encourage institutions to share information and experiences in addressing common challenges (e.g., student attrition, space/faculty shortages, practicum placement shortages, satellite initiatives or consortiums, and on-line learning). By working together, institutions can support operational efficiencies and common goals.

The Ministry also encourages institutions to continue to allocate spaces to programs supporting occupations facing labour shortages in the immediate and long term.

b. Capital Funding

As a component of each institution's operating transfer, the Annual Capital Allowance (ACA) for maintenance, renovation and upgrade projects is intended to be in addition to, not a replacement of, existing levels of operating expenditures on site and buildings.

Your institution's 2006/07 ACA allocation is included in Attachment 2.

Treasury Board requires that the Ministry be able to demonstrate accountability with regard to ACA expenditures. Within the parameters outlined above, ACA spending is generally at the discretion of institutions. However, the use of capital reserves, based on multi-year ACA plans, is encouraged. In addition, projects that have an impact on facility capacity should be discussed with Ministry staff prior to the commitment of funds. ACA funds should not be used for expansion projects that add to an institution's space inventory, or for replacement projects. Projects of this nature should be included in an institution's debt service capital submission to the Ministry.

The debt service and amortization cost of new capital construction must be managed within the Ministry's approved operating budget. Therefore, capital investment will remain constrained and will in large part be targeted to institutions receiving significant levels of full-time equivalent growth.

Please be aware that regardless of the nature of the funding or accounting treatment, capital project procurement should follow Provincial guidelines set out in the *Capital Asset Management Framework*, located on the internet at:

http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/tbs/camf_guidelines.pdf

c. Student Financial Assistance

Affordability is a key component to the access intent of the Strategic Investment Plan. The Ministry and the Federal Government continue their efforts to make progress in this area by addressing unmet student need through increased lending limits and addressing excess graduating debt through targeted grants and loan reduction and loan forgiveness programs. Over the next 3 years the Ministry is committed to investing \$487.2 million in student financial assistance programs and has increased the BC Student Loan Program's transaction budget to over \$300 million a year. To protect the integrity of this investment made by taxpayers Institutions must continue to comply with the legislative and policy requirements of the BC Student Assistance Program. Further, Institutions in British Columbia have played an important role in ensuring that family finances do not prevent eligible students from pursuing a post-secondary education. It is critical that this support be maintained and, where possible, enhanced. The Ministry continues to monitor this investment through the student outcomes, accountability framework and institution financial statements because equality of opportunity remains an important principle guiding its post-secondary education policies. A related initiative, the monitoring of repayment rates for government student loans of students of public and private post-secondary institutions, is being implemented Canada-wide as an additional indicator of institutional investment in administrative, academic and financial assistance to high needs students.

- 2. Targeting Investment** – institutions, working closely with community partners, are best positioned to determine program mix. The SIP will, however, continue to allocate a portion of new growth to key provincial priorities including health programs and on-line learning. Community and provincial partnerships are critical to address the needs of existing and emerging skills shortages to support economic and social priorities. This discussion will be part of the 2007/08 Budget Process and Consultation between the Ministry and the post-secondary system.

3. **Making Connections** – collectively, we support a well-functioning system that maximizes benefits to learners. The Ministry will continue to work with institutions and partner ministries to identify specific barriers to participation – particularly in rural areas of the province – and to develop and adjust policy measures to support literacy and Aboriginal learners. The Ministry has developed a proposed strategy for Aboriginal post-secondary education and will be consulting on that strategy over the coming months. Development also continues on BCcampus, the provincial collaborative approach to on-line learning. The Ministry recognizes the importance of the transfer system which is an outstanding feature of British Columbia’s post-secondary system. We encourage institutions to continue to work collaboratively to ensure new spaces are allocated in a manner that supports and enhances the transfer system. Access to developmental programs such as adult basic education, adult special education and English language training continue to be a priority, as is support for students with disabilities to participate in our post-secondary education and training system.

Attachment 2

COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES

**2006/07 - 2008/09 Operating Transfers
and Overall Recalibrated Student FTE Targets**

College of the Rockies Operating Transfers	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
	FTEs	\$	FTEs	\$	FTEs	\$
AVED FTEs/Operating Grants *	1,514	\$ 13,702,562	1,612	\$ 14,491,562	1,710	\$ 15,226,562
Change from Prior Year	69	\$ 646,108	98	\$ 789,000	98	\$ 735,000
Annual Capital Allowance (ACA) **	-----	\$ 911,535	-----	TBD	-----	TBD

* The overall student FTE targets for the AVED Operating Grant include specific student FTE targets as follows. All FTEs have been recalibrated.

** ACA is determined on an annual basis, so is shown as TBD in 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Specific Student FTE Targets (Recalibrated FTEs)

College of the Rockies	Ministry Code	CIP Code	2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
			Change	Total	Change	Total	Change	Total
(A3) On-line Learning								
Applied Business Technology	ONLI	52.0400	-	4	-	4	-	4
Associate of Arts	ONLI	24.0101	-	45	-	45	-	45
ABE Developmental Level	ONLI	53.0100	-	6	-	6	-	6
Total			-	55	-	55	-	55
(A3) Health								
RNs, LPNs and RCAs (New Era)								
BSN - Bachelor of Science in Nursing	NURS	51.1601	14	42	12	54	-	54
Licensed Practical Nurse	NLPN	51.1613	-	51	-	51	-	51
Resident Care Attendant	NRCA	51.2600	-	44	-	44	-	44
Subtotal			14	137	12	149	-	149
Allied Health (New Era) ***								
Dental Assisting	HLTH	51.0601	-		-		-	
Subtotal			-	22	-	22	-	22
Total			14	159	12	171	-	171
(A3) Developmental ****								
Developmental Programs	DEV	53.0102 32.0109 32.0101	-	213	-	213	-	213
Total			-	213	-	213	-	213
Total Specific Student FTE Targets			14	427	12	439	-	439

*** For 2006/07, institutions should meet their total recalibrated Allied Health FTE target. During the year AVED will work with institutions to determine appropriate recalibrated FTE targets for each specific Allied Health program.

**** Developmental Program student FTE targets should be maintained or increased.

(A3) = See Attachment 3 for further details on these allocations.

Attachment 3

COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES (COTR)

Additional Information

Regarding 2006/07 – 2008/09 Operating Grants and Student FTE Targets

This attachment provides additional context and information related to your institution's operating grant and student full-time equivalent (FTE) targets outlined in Attachment 2.

TARGETING INVESTMENT

On-Line Learning

The 2006/07 institutional operating grants and student FTE targets include provision for student FTEs towards government's commitment to strengthen on-line access throughout the province. On-line student FTEs must be delivered in accordance with the criteria outlined in an email sent on behalf of Mr. Ken Armour, Director, Universities and Research Branch, on December 7, 2005 regarding the allocation of on-line student FTEs. Institutions have the flexibility to reallocate FTEs among the targeted on-line programs, provided that the overall institutional target for on-line learning is met.

Increase the Number of Graduates from Nursing and Allied Health Programs

In 2006/07, institutional operating grants and student FTE targets include provision for an increase of 683 student FTEs for registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), residential care aides (RCAs) and other allied health professionals. The Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) works closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that additional student FTEs are targeted to areas of need for British Columbia's health-care system. The 683 new FTEs for nursing and allied health programs have been distributed regionally throughout the province based on each institution's ability to accommodate the increased student FTEs, availability of clinical placements and student and employer demand.

Institutional operating grant and student FTE allocations for 2007/08 and 2008/09 include provision for any annualizations required as a result of new FTEs allocated in 2006/07 as well as annualizations of expansions begun in previous years.

Further expansion in nursing and allied health programs, over and above the student FTE targets outlined in Attachment 2, may be implemented in future years following discussions with your institution.

The following provides additional information on your institution's student FTE targets for nursing and health programs for 2006/07 to 2008/09. As noted above, funding associated with these student FTEs is reflected in your institution's operating grant.

Overall Targets for Nursing and Allied Health Programs

In keeping with government's commitment to meet the health human resource needs of the province, AVED's performance measure to increase student FTEs for RNs, LPNs, RCAs and other allied health programs, as reported in its 2006/07 – 2008/09 Service Plan, includes all health science programs. Attachment 2 includes the list of all nursing and allied health programs for your institution.

While there is some flexibility of targets among programs, provided that each institution meets its overall student FTE targets for nursing and allied health programs, institutions are requested to advise AVED prior to making any major shifts in student FTEs among health programs during the year.

Recalibrated Allied Health targets have been provided as a total for each institution. Over the course of the next year we will be working with each institution to develop program-specific allied health targets.

Industry Training

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) will communicate 2006/07 budget allocations to institutions directly. Although funding will come from the ITA, public institutions will need to continue to report all industry training FTEs to the Ministry in interim and final audited FTE reports and in the Central Data Warehouse.

AVED is very appreciative of the work of the Trades Training Consortium and the ITA in coming to an agreement on a Financial and Accountability Framework for trades training in the province. AVED would also like to acknowledge the significant amount of work involved in reviewing entry level trades training (ELTT) programs with a view to standardizing them across the province except where there is demonstrated industry support for programs to produce broader skills than Level 1 apprenticeship. Standardizing ELTT programs will increase capacity and should work towards addressing waitlists for trades programs; however, given the shortages some of the trades are facing, AVED recognizes that short-term demand for ELTT programs may exceed the funding available from the ITA, and supports institutions allocating AVED funding to those programs to meet demand.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Developmental Programs

Programs such as Adult Basic Education (ABE), English as a Second Language (ESL) and Adult Special Education (ASE) provide important avenues for learners to reach their educational, employment and social participation goals. To ensure the needs of these learners are being met, the Ministry has used the 2003/04 actual FTEs as a baseline and set an overall target to "maintain or increase" developmental program delivery in future years. Your institution specific FTE target from 2005/06 has been recalibrated for 2006/07 to reflect the new FTE counting method.

Over the course of the next year, the recalibrated FTE targets for developmental programs will be reviewed. Ministry staff will give consideration to revisiting some targets if necessary.

While the 2006/07 FTE target includes all developmental program areas, the Ministry will continue to require institutions to report student FTE delivery for the individual programs: ABE, ESL and ASE.

Learners who access developmental programs often face financial challenges. Tuition fee levels for ESL and for ABE courses for high school graduates should be reviewed carefully and student financial assistance programs supplemented accordingly.

Aboriginal Special Projects Funding

Funding for Aboriginal Special Projects will be available in 2006/07, but has not been included as part of the operating grant. Details regarding this funding will be provided separately.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

As outlined in last year's budget letter, the Ministry reviewed utilization rates and FTE targets under the Strategic Investment Plan and has made minor adjustments to student FTE targets in 2006/07. A total of 30 FTEs have been reallocated from COTR.

Collective Agreement Settlements (Extraordinary Mandate)

In 2005, the Minister of Finance approved an Extraordinary Mandate (EM) to permit a 1.5 percent increase in compensation for employees in public post-secondary institutions who were facing four consecutive years of no salary increases. Your institution's operating grant has been increased to recognize the annualized cost of your 2005/06 collective agreement(s) settled under the EM.

Funding for collective agreements settled under the new Negotiating Framework will be held centrally by government. Funding will be released as collective agreements are ratified and costed.

Attachment 4
College of the Rockies
Accountability Framework 2006/07 - 2008/09 Performance Targets

Performance Measure	Baseline Data for 2006/07 Service Plan	Performance Targets		
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Student spaces in public institutions	Data from 2004/05 Fiscal Year:			
<i>Total Student Spaces</i>	1,265 (2004/05 Actual) 1,445 (2005/06 Target)	1,514	1,612	1,710
<i>Student spaces in nursing and other allied health programs</i>	160 (2004/05 Actual) 145 (2005/06 Target)	159	171	171
Total credentials awarded	802 (2004/05 3-yr avg.)	762	761	768
Number and percent of public post-secondary students that are Aboriginal	Data from 2004/05 Academic Year:			
<i>Total number (#)</i>	360	Maintain or increase	Maintain or increase	Maintain or increase
<i>Percent (%)</i>	4.0%			
Student spaces in developmental programs	Data from 2004/05 Fiscal Year:			
	201 (2004/05 Actual) 213 (2005/06 Target)	Maintain or increase	Maintain or increase	Maintain or increase
Skill development*	2005 Survey Data:			
<i>ii. Skill development (avg. %)</i>	87.4%	Meet or exceed benchmark (85%)		
<i>Written Communication</i>	84.0%	Individual skills should contribute toward meeting skill development average benchmark target of 85%		
<i>Oral Communication</i>	82.8%			
<i>Group Collaboration</i>	91.2%			
<i>Critical Analysis</i>	90.7%			
<i>Problem Resolution</i>	85.1%			
<i>Reading and Comprehension</i>	88.5%			
<i>Learn on your own</i>	89.4%			
Student assessment of quality of education	98.7% (2005 survey)	Meet or exceed benchmark (90%)		
Student assessment of quality of instruction*	90.3% (2005 survey)	Meet or exceed benchmark (90%)		
Student satisfaction with transfer	2005 CISO Survey Data:			
<i>Sending %</i>	75.7%	Contribute toward achievement of system level benchmark (90%)		

Attachment 4
College of the Rockies
Accountability Framework 2006/07 - 2008/09 Performance Targets

Performance Measure	Baseline Data for 2006/07 Service Plan	Performance Targets		
		2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Student assessment of usefulness of knowledge and skills in performing job	82.5% (2005 survey)	Meet or exceed benchmark (90%)		
Student outcomes – unemployment rate	9.3% (2005 survey)	Maintain unemployment rate of former College of the Rockies students below rate for persons with high school credentials or less		
Percent of annual education activity occurring between May and August	19.12% (2004/05 FY)	Contribute toward achievement of system level target of 21%		

* The baseline and performance data for college sector outcome measures "Skill development" and "Student assessment of quality of instruction" are based on a five point scale that will be recalibrated to a four point scale to allow system level comparability. The recalibrated baseline and performance data will be provided for your 2005/06 Service Plan Report when it becomes available, and the baseline data will need to be restated in the 2006/07 Service Plan Report.

Attachment 5

2006/07 Reporting Requirements

Report	Description and Purpose	Ministry Contact	Due Date(s)
Service Planning			
Annual Three-Year Institutional Service Plans	Each year, institutions are required to produce and make public a three-year Institutional Service Plan. The plan should be consistent with each institution's Budget and Accountability Letter, should set out particular goals and objectives developed by each institution, and link the performance measures via the key criteria.	Janice Nakamura (250) 952-6567 Janice.Nakamura@gov.bc.ca	May 19, 2006
Annual Institutional Service Plan Reports	Each year, institutions are required to produce and make public annual Institutional Service Plan Reports. The content will include reporting out on performance measures.	Janice Nakamura (250) 952-6567 Janice.Nakamura@gov.bc.ca	July 14, 2006
Student Data			
Central Data Warehouse	Twice per year, colleges, university colleges and institutes are required to submit their student level data to the Central Data Warehouse.	Jacqui Stewart (250) 387-5029 Jacqui.Stewart@gov.bc.ca	May 31 and October 31, 2006
University Administrative Data	Each year, universities provide data regarding performance measures, in accordance with the Standards Manual specifications. The data includes: aboriginal students, degree completion rates, number of licenses, patents and start-up companies; and highly qualified personnel. In addition, if it will not be available on the TUPC website by Dec 8, 2006, universities provide data on headcount, admissions GPA cut-offs, and credentials.	Janice Nakamura (250) 952-6567 Janice.Nakamura@gov.bc.ca	December 8, 2006
FTE Reports	Audited FTE Enrolment Reports are used as the final measure for student FTE utilization rates and Service Plan reporting. Interim FTE Enrolment Reports are used to identify any challenges or issues, in the current year, for overall and targeted student FTE delivery.	Randy Brown (250) 387-2640 Randy.Brown@gov.bc.ca	Audited Student FTE Enrolments - May 15, 2006 Interim FTE Enrolment Reports Fall – October 27, 2006 Winter – February 16, 2007

Report	Description and Purpose	Ministry Contact	Due Date(s)
Program Information			
ABE and ESL Articulation Committee updates	A VED receives annual updates from the Adult Basic Education articulation committee and the English as a Second Language articulation committee. A VED enters the changes in each respective handbook and posts on the Ministry website. Updates include course additions, deletions or changes in these program areas at each college and university college.	Cheryl Bell (250) 356-7700 CherylBell@gov.bc.ca	ESL Updates – Before January 1, 2007 ABE Updates - June 1, 2006
Financial Data			
GRE Quarterly Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information required for inclusion of post-secondary institutions into the government reporting entity. Supports production of the Quarterly Reports. 	Colin Fowler (250) 387-1950 ColinFowler@gov.bc.ca	1st Quarter YTD - July 21, 2006 2nd Quarter YTD - October 20, 2006 3rd Quarter YTD - January 10, 2007
GRE Forecast Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information required for inclusion of post-secondary institutions into the government reporting entity. Supports production of the Quarterly Reports. 	Colin Fowler (250) 387-1950 ColinFowler@gov.bc.ca	1st Quarter - August 4, 2006 2nd Quarter - October 25, 2006 3rd Quarter - January 12, 2007
Draft Financial Statements and Appendix C	Supports production of the Public Accounts.	Colin Fowler (250) 387-1950 ColinFowler@gov.bc.ca	April 24, 2006
Audited Financial Statements	Supports production of Public Accounts and meets the requirements of the post-secondary Acts governing the preparation of annual reports.	Colin Fowler (250) 387-1950 ColinFowler@gov.bc.ca	May 25, 2006 (1 copy to OCG, 2 copies to A VED).
Summary Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures	The Summary Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures is based on financial statement information and provides key comparative data for the public post-secondary system.	Colin Fowler (250) 387-1950 ColinFowler@gov.bc.ca	June 9, 2006

Report	Description and Purpose	Ministry Contact	Due Date(s)
<p><i>Financial Information Act</i> Report</p>	<p>The Ministry of Advanced Education is responsible for collecting and reviewing the financial information required under the <i>Financial Information Act</i>.</p> <p>Link for reference material: http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/ocg/fmb/FIA/fia.htm</p>	<p>Bruce Smith (250) 356-9818 Bruce.Smith@gov.bc.ca</p>	<p>June 30, 2006</p> <p>1) Audited Financial Statements</p> <p>September 29, 2006</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Schedule of Debts 2) Schedule of Guarantee and indemnity agreements 3) Schedule of Remuneration and Expenses 4) Schedule of Payments for the Provision of Goods and Services 5) Management Responsibility for Financial Reporting
<p>Federal/Provincial Agreement Report Form</p>	<p>Under the terms of the Labour Market Agreement for Persons with Disabilities (LMAPD), institutions are required to report to the Ministry, expenditures made and the total number of students with disabilities who were provided with support services through the Adult Special Education, Interpretive Services and Disability Services Grants programs. Shareable expenditures are cost-shared with the Federal government. A revised format for this report is being developed with the institutions and will be communicated under separate cover.</p>	<p>Marissa Thola (250) 387-6174 Marissa.Thola@gov.bc.ca</p>	<p>September 29, 2006</p>