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Important Updates!

Skills Enhancement and Retraining Fund

The June 30, 2009 deadline has come and gone and there are school districts and locals that have unspent money. The SSEAC will redistribute any money unused by a school district and local if it is not spent by November 16th, 2009. If a district and a local have a plan to spend the money after November 16th, they must provide a report of how and when that money will be spent. That report must include:

- Each specific training initiative planned,
- the amount of funds required for each specific initiative and,
- the date(s) the training is to take place.

The SSEAC has not confirmed at this time how it will redistribute the fund but will be considering options at its first fall meeting.

SSEAC will follow up and provide relevant information to each school district and local to assist in necessary decision making and facilitate access to available funds.

Labour Market Adjustment (LMA) Fund

As the LMA funds are temporary in nature and are no longer to be applied after June 30, 2010, SSEAC will not be accepting any new submissions after September 30, 2009. If there is residual LMA money, SSEAC will consider options for use of the funds.

Trades Adjustment and Apprentice Sponsor Funds

The funding from the Ministry of Education to school districts for the trades adjustment has normally been forwarded to school districts in July. This year the money will be arriving in September. This will complete the funding for the trades adjustment which now brings the total increase to \$2.10 per hour (\$0.60, \$0.60, \$0.60, and \$0.30).

Apprenticeship Opportunities Fund

To date, of the 60 school districts and locals with eligible members (trades employees), 12 have accessed the Apprenticeship Opportunities Fund. The total number of apprenticeships commenced under this fund is 39. Should districts still seek to access this fund, there is still funding available and the SSEAC is accepting applications.

Questions

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