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Important Updates!

Skills Enhancement and Retraining Fund

Given the success of the Skills Enhancement Fund training initiatives, the Committee has decided to transfer an additional \$3 million into the Skills Enhancement Fund. This additional money will be added to your current allocation to further support training and skills enhancement for all employees in the bargaining unit. **As such, we are no longer requiring districts or locals to submit plans by November 16th**. While the Committee has not set a deadline for the use of either your residual Skills Enhancement Funds or this new allocation, we strongly encourage the parties to commit to the use of their allocation by June 30, 2010.

The Committee will require that any requests for reimbursement from the Skills Enhancement Fund be accompanied by the attached cover sheet. It is imperative that both parties sign off on any training initiatives.

See the attached chart for your district's allocation. In mid-November, each school district and local will receive a letter with more details as to the status of their fund.

Education Assistants – Training **NEW!**

The SSEAC is actively working on providing districts and locals additional opportunities to support training and skills enhancement focused on Education Assistants. SSEAC is currently working on the details of this and will share them as soon as possible.

Labour Market Adjustment (LMA) Fund

The SSEAC is no longer accepting new LMA submissions. Residual monies will be re-allocated. As a reminder - the LMA funds are temporary in nature and are no longer to be applied after June 30, 2010.

Questions

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