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Education Report: Allocating targeted grant increase

Recommendations

We recommend that you:

- a. **note** that we have completed the data match of ENROL and MSD benefit receipt data to enable the targeted operational grant increase for schools in 2017, with a match rate of 98%
- b. **note** that we propose to allocate the 2% of unmatched students between schools on the basis of each school's share of matched students enrolled at 1 July
- c. **note** that we propose to exclude from the targeted allocation 16,373 matched students who have not been enrolled in school during the 2016 school year
- d. **agree** that, in allocating the targeted funding, we should allocate 4,195 students who have been enrolled during the 2016 school year but were not enrolled in a school as at 1 July to their most recent school of enrolment.

AGREE / DISAGREE

to discuss

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Education System Policy

NOTED / APPROVED

Hekia Parata

Hon Hekia Parata
Minister of Education

18/8/16

As discussed, I would like to see how we can track this "missing" cohort and reengage them through Cms, At Ed, or other avenues.

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Purpose of report

1. This report seeks to confirm your decision about the treatment of students from long term benefit receipt households who have been enrolled in schools during 2016 but were not enrolled in a school on 1 July.
2. This is required in order to allocate the targeted operational grant increase for 2017 funding across schools.

Background

3. Budget 2016 targeted an additional \$43.2 million over four years to the operational grants of state and state-integrated schools that are educating children and young people who have been dependants of beneficiaries for either 75% of the first five years of their life or 75% of the most recent five years.
4. Cabinet has now approved the 2017 Staffing Order. This will enable the process for issuing Indicative Funding Entitlement Notices to proceed as planned on 7 September. The notices will include the amount of the targeted operational grant increase that will be provided to each school.

Matching Data with MSD

5. The data match of Ministry of Education ENROL data for 1 July 2016 and MSD benefit receipt data has now been completed.
6. In the target group, MSD identified 152,925 children who met the eligibility criteria for funding. 98% of these children, or 149,639 children, were matched to MOE identities on the basis that their birth date and the spelling of their name were the same in both data sets.
7. Of the 149,639 students¹
 - 128,707 students have been matched to a school as at 1 July 2016
 - 16,737 students have not been enrolled in a school since the beginning of the school year
 - 4,195 students have been enrolled during the 2016 school year but were not enrolled in a school as at 1 July.

¹ This includes students in private and partnership schools.

Allocating students to schools

8. We propose that the 2% of unmatched students (3,286 students) be allocated between schools based on each school's share of the 128,707 students that have been matched to a school.
9. In regard to the 16,737 students who have not been enrolled in schools during the 2016 school year, we propose that they be excluded in allocating the targeted funding between schools. We think that the majority of these students have left the schooling system.
10. This means that, compared to the indicative modelling undertaken for the Budget, the per-student funding rate will be higher; close to \$90 per eligible student rather than \$80.
11. In regard to the 4,195 students who were not enrolled as at 1 July, some may have permanently left school and others would be between schools, including children who are transient.
12. In allocating the targeted funding, these students could be either:
 - allocated to the school in which they were last enrolled; or
 - allocated across all schools based on each school's share of the 128,707 students who have been matched to schools.
13. We recommend the first option. By allocating these students to their last school, we are providing more funding to schools with these kinds of students.
14. If you agree to this approach, the funding will be allocated to around 136,000 students across state and state-integrated schools (some of the matched students attend private or partnership schools and will be excluded from the allocation).
15. This means that, compared to the indicative modelling undertaken for the Budget, the per-student funding rate will be higher; closer to \$90 per eligible student rather than \$80.

Next steps

16. Following your decision, we will calculate the funding rate for the targeted grant and determine the allocation of funding across schools.
17. We expect to report to you on the outcome of this work before 26 August.

