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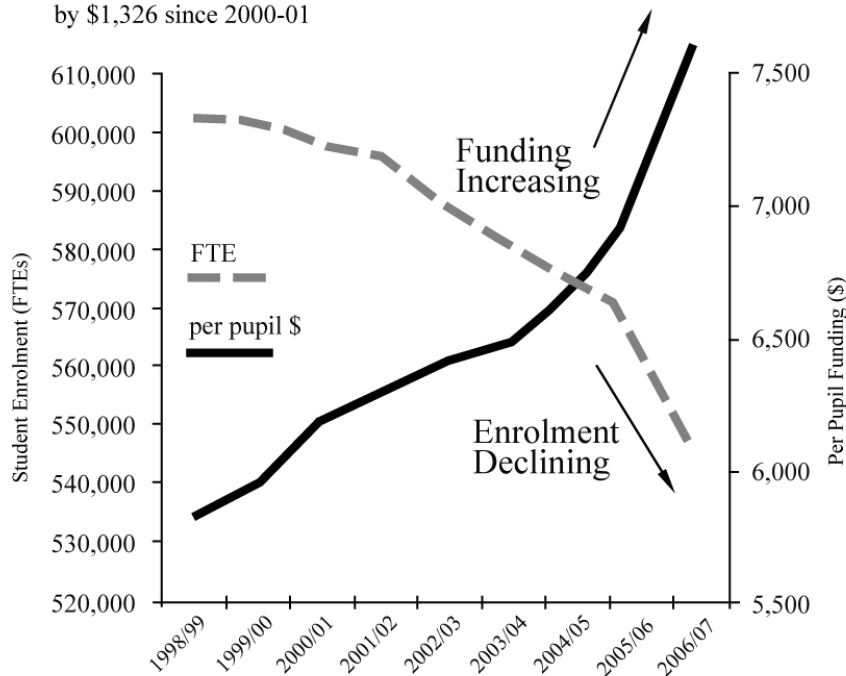
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### 2006-07 FINAL ENROLMENT NUMBERS AND OPERATING FUNDING

- Since 2000-01, overall enrolment has declined by 42,534 students: 39,945 school-age students and 2,588 adults.
- There are now 546,721 full-time school-age students, compared to 586,666 in 2000-01.
- Total funding\* has increased from \$3.74 billion in 2000-01 to \$4.5 billion in 2006-07.

Highest EVER education budget in B.C. schools

Operating funding per student has increased by \$1,326 since 2000-01



\*Funding totals are for public schools only and include Provincial Learning Network (PLNet) grants (e.g. For 2006-07: \$4.473 billion in grants plus \$19.9 million in PLNet grants, for a total of \$4.5 billion).

- All 60 B.C. school districts will receive more funding than last year.
- 51 of 60 school districts have fewer school-age and adult students than a year ago.

- In addition to grants for a decline in enrolment greater than one per cent in a year, the Province also provides additional funds for districts with a decrease of four per cent or more, and for districts with a decrease of 10 per cent or more over the previous two years.
- 51 districts will share \$23.9 million to help manage declining enrolment:

<b>School districts with an enrolment decline greater than one per cent</b>		
5 Southeast Kootenay	46 Sunshine Coast	68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith
6 Rocky Mountain	47 Powell River	69 Qualicum
8 Kootenay Lake	49 Central Coast	70 Alberni
10 Arrow Lakes	50 Haida Gwaii/Q. Charlotte	71 Comox Valley
19 Revelstoke	51 Boundary	72 Campbell River
20 Kootenay-Columbia	52 Prince Rupert	73 Kamloops/Thompson
22 Vernon	53 Okanagan Similkameen	74 Gold Trail
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	54 Bulkley Valley	75 Mission
28 Quesnel	57 Prince George	78 Fraser-Cascade
34 Abbotsford	58 Nicola-Similkameen	79 Cowichan Valley
35 Langley	59 Peace River South	81 Fort Nelson
37 Delta	60 Peace River North	82 Coast Mountains
39 Vancouver	61 Greater Victoria	83 North Okanagan-Shuswap
41 Burnaby	62 Sooke	85 Vancouver Island North
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	63 Saanich	87 Stikine
43 Coquitlam	64 Gulf Islands	91 Nechako Lakes
44 North Vancouver	67 Okanagan Skaha	92 Nisga'a

- Even though the Boundary school district reported a 9.0 per cent decline in overall enrolment, it will receive about \$1.34 million more.
- Overall enrolment in Greater Victoria has decreased by 444 students, but the district's 2006-07 operating grant has increased by \$14.22 million.
- The Vancouver school district has 1,267 fewer school-age and adult students, but it will receive \$42.9 million more this year.
- School district 93, Conseil scolaire francophone, continues to be the province's fastest growing school district. Since 2005-06, overall enrolment has increased by 5.3 per cent.
- Overall enrolment in Surrey has increased by 442 students and the district will receive \$58.3 million more this year.

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