

## DOCUMENT A: MINISTIK PARENT QUESTIONS, PROVIDED VIA EMAIL ON FEBRUARY 2, 2017

**From Tammy:**

1. [Why isn't it accepted practice to rank the schools based on cost per student to EIPS that is net of small school funding from Alberta Education? The reports show costs before funding.](#)
  - This report captures the total costs of operating each school excluding Special Program costs. Netting funding against costs, distorts the true costs of a school
  - In 2015-16, the small school by necessity funding = \$858,614. If Ministik School was excluded from the calculation, the funding would decrease by \$21,922. (this is due to the fact that Ministik does not meet the definition of a Small School by Necessity (SSBN) - there are schools within 25 km that have the capacity to accommodate the Ministik students)
  - In 2016-17, the small school by necessity funding has been calculated to be \$677,164. If Ministik school was excluded from the calculation, the funding would decrease by \$3,281.
  - A small school by necessity - is a small school where:
    - the distance is more than 25 km to a receiving school (s) OR
    - If the distance is less 25 km to a receiving school(s) , the receiving school(s) must have available capacity to accommodate additional students
2. [Why isn't it accepted practice to rank the schools based on cost per student before Educational Assistant costs since the schools have little control of the amount of coded kids admitted and the costs associated to those kids? Schools have disproportionate costs to each other.](#)
  - Refer to Document B, Question 35.
3. [What cost per student amount would satisfy the board? Isn't it most fair that Ministik be given the opportunity to rebadged for that amount?](#)
  - Refer to Document B, Question 42.
4. [Isn't it important for a sustainable agricultural economy to have favorable access to schooling for its children? Strathcona County's Agriculture Plan won a national 2016 Award for Planning Excellence. See attached article.](#)
  - Refer to Document B, Question 61.
5. [With the Fultonvale renovation project going ridiculously over budget, is the proposal to close Ministik School an attempt to justify Fultonvale's value?](#)
  - Alberta Infrastructure managed the modernization, therefore managed the budget. Information provided to Facility Services is that the entire project was less than 5% over budget. The timeline has been extended due to extenuating circumstances but this has not resulted in additional costs to the Division.
6. [If Ministik closes and are moved to Fultonvale, what are the ways you are going to prepare the children for this transition?](#)
  - Refer to Document B, Question 22.

7. When Wye school moves and children from the rural are being rerouted to Fultonvale, how are you going to accommodate those children, Fultonvale will be at capacity of 600?
  - Refer to Document B, Question 23.
  
8. More portables that you have to get approval from the government for? If not children from Wye School then the developed areas of growth around Fultonvale? What will the predicted enrolment be in 5 years? Lots of development happening south and east of Sherwood Park.
  - Refer to Document B, Question 27.
  
9. How many teachers and EA will be hired to accommodate the move to Fultonvale?
  - Refer to Document B, Question 34.
  
10. Did they budget for the linking of the portables in 16/17 estimates? Or do they have to pull from the capital reserves? If required, the connecting link is the responsibility of the jurisdiction
  - Refer to Document B, Question 44.
  
11. Can we have a breakdown from budget vs actual for Ministik for the past three years?

Year	Budget (Instructional)*	Actual (Instructional)*
2013-2014	\$988,981	\$959,804
2014-2015	\$1,074,403	\$1,029,468
2015-2016	\$1,102,855	\$1,062,960

\* this does not include School Generated Funds or Plant, Operations and Maintenance

12. We are aware that you use a software system from Barager Systems to complete demographic dynamics and various sceneries when looking at Division planning for new/existing schools. We have asked for the Barager reports for Ministik School and would like to see the Barager System reports on Wye School and Fultonvale as well. We would also like the maps that show attendance of the children for Wye, Uncas and Fultonvale. We would also like a map of attendance for Mills Haven.
  - Refer to Document B, Question 31.
  
13. We would also like school enrollment and utilization rates (please refer to pgs 9-18 in the Ministik School Report) and provide the same for Fultonvale, Wye School and Uncas.
  - Refer to Document B, Question 32.

- **From Shannon:**

14. Where can I find budget vs actuals for 12/13, 13/14, 14/15 and 15/16? I can currently get some of the information from different reports but struggle to find one source. I would like to see if we are staying within budget and being fiscally responsible.

- Budget versus actuals are included in the table above (Question 11).

15. Our plant ops/ maintenance cost have been dropping each year and in 15/16 it was 7.9% of total cost. Is there any comparison done at this level to other schools? I believe we may be cost efficient.

- Average m2 PO & M cost for schools within the jurisdiction, as of the end of 2014/15 school year, was \$3.82, Ministik cost is \$6.47.
- A review of 2015-2016 plant operations and maintenance costs in the School Status Report indicate that the percent of costs range from 4.55% to 13.23%. Each year PO&M costs will vary in each school as there may be more or less maintenance required in any given year for repairs etc.

16. Article in Sherwood Park News, Jan 31, interview with Mark Liguori, Superintendent of EIPS, talks about rebuilding the school could cost up to 4.5 million dollars which includes the mold ridden portables. I would like to know where this cost is coming from?

- The Sherwood Park News came up with this figure it was not provided by the Superintendent or the Division.

17. We are trying to inform the public to make educated decisions on if the school should stay open or be closed. The replacement value on the portables is  $1,037,110 + 3 * 10,000 = 30,000$  (for demolition covered by AB Infrastructure Modular Program) + 75,000 connecting the portables- Not sure if 75 per portable. Either total cost of 1.142 million or 1.292 million. Where is the additional 3.2 million coming from?

- The replacement cost has never been determined by the Division.

18. How fair is throwing out numbers to the public that are totally unreasonable and then expect people not to voice opinions against us asking why spend that kind of money on a small school.

- The figure in the Sherwood Park News was not supplied by the Superintendent nor the Division. As for the rebuilding of a new school, this was in response to a question asked by the reporter.

19. There is no capital budget for Ministik in the 16/17 budget. Where will the funds come from? Capital reserve? How much to you estimate EIPS will need to spend out of their budget to cover the cost of the modulators? Estimated \$75,000. The modulators and demolition come from the AB modular program so not including these amounts.

- The cost of the replacement of the 3 modulators is covered by Alberta Infrastructure/Alberta Education.
- The cost of the connecting link is estimated to be \$75,000. This cost must be paid for by EIPS.

20. [What causes facility services work order?](#)

There are 3 events that initiate work-orders to trigger from our system:

- Preventative Maintenance,
- Breakdown,
- Demand.

21. [Can we get a summary of what the work orders were and what the cost was?](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 8.

22. [How do we compare to other schools and the number of work orders they have?](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 8.

23. [For what exact reason are you considering closing Ministik School?](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 56.

24. [Does Fultonvale currently have enough space to house all of our students?](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 19.

25. [If not what does the system have to do to make room at Fultonvale for Ministik students?](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 19.

26. [Even if Ministik students go to Fultonvale how much room would they have for future student growth?](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 28.

27. [What is the formula for the viability of a rural school? Why does the formula used by AB government say we are viable and want to invest new modular but EIPS formula is showing we aren't viable?](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 41.

28. [What do Fultonvale's current bus routes look like? \(a copy of them\)](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 6.

29. [Transportation proposed and current bus costs? For Ministik and Fultonvale \(Board Policy 15, 3.11\)](#)

- Refer to Document B, Question 7.