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So Where Are We Now...

The SSEAC has been in place since the fall of 2006 and your SSEA Committee would like to bring to your attention that there is still funding available, in particular labour market and apprenticeships. We encourage employers and locals to make applications for this remaining funding.

Should districts wish to find information regarding any of the application processes, criteria or forms related to SSEAC funding, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.bcpsea.bc.ca/access/emplgroups/ss/sseac/sseac.html>

Skills Enhancement Fund

School Districts and Local Unions were allocated funding out of the \$3 million Skills Enhancement Fund. The directions on this fund include criteria to have planned and implemented training by June 30, 2009 in order to receive allocated funding. If the parties have planned training that is to take place in the summer or fall of 2009, the parties may request an extension up to December 31, 2009 to cover off this training. Requests for such an extension should be made in writing by email with an explanation (ie. What training is to take place when) to SSEAC care of Michelle Cehak at michellec@bcpsea.bc.ca.

School Districts do not need to wait until all training is completed before submitting the documentation to receive reimbursement. School Districts may submit requests for reimbursement monthly or when significant training has taken place.

Please send us all your receipts to December 19, 2008 so we can gauge the usage of the fund.

Any School Districts and Local Unions that have not made plans to use their allocated funds should contact SSEAC to either request assistance or inform the committee that the money can be released back to the committee for reallocation. Should you choose not to use your allocation the SSEAC would require a signed agreement by both parties.

SSEAC encourages the parties to spend the majority of their allocated funding on the training itself. SSEAC will not reimburse for wages related to training where those dollars were already budgeted for or are as a result of commitments under the collective agreement. If you are unsure of whether or not your wages will be covered by SSEAC you are encouraged to contact SSEAC and get prior agreement that the wage portion of training will be covered.

Attached is a cover letter that is now required along with any requests for reimbursement.

Labour Market Adjustment

The SSEAC would like to make it known that there is Labour Market Adjustment funding still available. Where school districts and local unions are experiencing demonstrable recruitment and retention problems, they may apply to the SSEAC for a Labour Market Adjustment.

Apprenticeship Opportunities

The SSEAC is looking at ways to make this program more accessible. Please look for more information on apprenticeship opportunities in the New Year.

Questions

Please direct any questions to:

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