

## **New!! Funding Guidelines 2016/2017**

The Summary of Significant Changes from the funding manual for School Authorities 2016/2017 School Year, indicated under tab *Introduction – Limitations*, says “...It [funds] cannot be distributed directly to students or families through cash or cash equivalents, scholarships or capital assets where the primary or sole criteria is completion of a certain number of courses or credits.”

This means that all online (teacher-directed programs) cannot reimburse students or families effective September 1, 2016. Funds to the school will not be affected; however, funds to the families will be. Our no-tuition policy for Alberta Residents will remain in place.

The PACeS board has confirmed this decision by doing extensive research with government representatives and other online programs.

Families that are under the Home Education Regulation (parent-directed program) will continue to receive their funding (\$835) with some clarifications coming at a later date.

These new regulations will affect the funding for the Blended program. You will receive 50% of the Home Education grant portion (\$417.50).

Although there have been funding changes, the programs provided by PACeS will remain the same. PACeS looks forward to continuing a quality education experience for our families.