

Support Staff Education Committee Bulletin

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Education Assistant training module

The Support Staff Education Committee (SSEC) is pleased to announce that the Education Assistant (EA) module *Inclusive Education & Understanding Behaviour* will be ready to launch in January 2024. This training module updates two previously developed training sessions and will be available as an online learning resource. We look forward to sharing full details in January.

Updated SSEC training application form

We have updated the SSEC training funds application form to include the new objectives from the 2022-2025 Provincial Framework Agreement. School districts and support staff unions may now apply to use their SSEC funds for any of the following objectives (emphasis added on items added in 2022-2025 Provincial Framework Agreement):

- a) Implementation of best practices to integrate skill development for support staff employees with district goals and student needs;
- b) Developing and delivering education opportunities to enhance service delivery to students;
- c) Identifying, developing and delivering education opportunities to enhance and support employee health and safety, including non-violent crisis intervention;
- d) **Enable the provision of education opportunities to enhance and support the understanding, recognition and Reconciliation process with Indigenous Peoples;**
- e) **Enable the provision of education opportunities to enhance and support equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as cultural safety;**
- f) Skills enhancement for support staff
- g) EA curriculum module development and delivery

The new application form is attached. Submit applications to Diana Lozano at DianaL@bcpsea.bc.ca.

Funding

In the 2024-2025 school year, new funding will become available for Union Locals and School Districts to use for training with K-12 support staff. In the fall of 2024 we will send a communication identifying specific funding allocations.

Attached is a summary of SSEC funding from the 2019-2022 Provincial Framework Agreement showing total allocation per local and school district, amounts used, and funds remaining. Please note that this summary may not reflect recent applications that have been approved but not paid out.

For questions about the SSEC committee, please contact Debbie Craig at DebbieC@bcpsea.bc.ca or Kirsten Daub at kdaub@cupe.ca.