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Learning Support, SWALS support and *Rattrapage* (Catching-up support) 2012

BUDGETARY COMMITTEE

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Introduction

This document was drafted a day before the Budgetary Committee meeting in order to find additional savings to balance the draft budget proposal for 2012.

These measures were not discussed by the Joint Teaching Committee.

That is the reason why the measures proposed in this document are foreseen only for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Secretary-General should have a mandate to draft a proposal for the Joint Teaching Committee's October meeting to address the question of the future support standards in nursery/primary and in the secondary cycle for the financial year 2013 onwards.

Nursery/Primary Learning Support and SWALS support 2012

The Board of Governors decided that the primary Learning Support ratio is 1 hour /14 pupils. The schools received instructions to calculate Learning Support for the 2012 budget using a rate of €150.3/pupil.

For SWALS support the primary schools receive 20 hours per week (€41,807.40 based on 2090.37/hour).

	NON-SWALS	SWALS	Total
Population in 2011	19 546	1511	21 057
%	93%	7%	

In the 2010-2011 school year, 7% of the category 1 or 2 European School pupil population consists of pupils whose L1 is different from their language section.

	SWALS cat 1 &2	%
Alicante	38	3%
Bergen	41	3%
Brussels 1	92	6%
Brussels 2	96	6%
Brussels 3	96	6%
Brussels 4	113	7%
Culham	11	1%
Frankfurt	180	12%
Karlsruhe	63	4%
Luxembourg 1	316	21%
Luxembourg 2	41	3%
Mol	20	1%
Munich	218	14%
Varese	186	12%
	1511	

The SWALS Working Group proposed in February that the current SWALS support distribution should be changed. Its proposal was to distribute SWALS support proportionally to the schools according to the percentage of SWALS in the school (see table above).

PROPOSAL

Learning Support and SWALS support should be merged in the 2012 budget. This support includes Learning Support and SWALS support.

The financial impact of this proposal would be a saving of €260 154.82.

	LS NP	SWALS	SUPPORT NP
ALICANTE	71 644.00	6 386.28	78 030.28
BERGEN	28 683.00	6 890.46	35 573.46
BRUSSELS I	153 619.00	15 461.52	169 080.52
BRUSSELS II	108 677.00	16 133.76	124 810.76
BRUSSELS III	188 587.56	16 133.76	204 721.32
BRUSSELS IV	98 491.48	18 990.78	117 482.26
CULHAM	26 932.00	1 848.66	28 780.66
FRANKFURT	23 800.00	30 250.80	54 050.80
KARLSRUHE	55 454.30	10 587.78	66 042.08
LUXEMBOURG I	187 795.23	53 106.96	240 902.19
LUXEMBOURG 2	116 248.00	6 890.46	123 138.46
MOL	40 861.00	3 361.20	44 222.20
MUNICH	110 757.00	36 637.08	147 394.08
VARESE	45 185.34	31 259.16	76 444.50
	1 256 734.91	253 938.66	1 510 673.57

Secondary Learning Support, *Rattrapage* (Catching-up support) and SWALS support 2012

The Secondary Learning Support calculation mechanisms are complicated and difficult to monitor. The calculation is based on the number of L1, L2 and Mathematics classes with more than 15 pupils in secondary years 1-3. In actual fact Learning Support is used at all the levels and in all the subjects, and the current calculation method has very little to do with the use of the Learning Support resources.

In 1986, the Board of Governors decided to create Catching-up support (*Rattrapage*). These *Rattrapage* classes may be organised for pupils who are new arrivals in a school and who do not have an adequate knowledge of Language 2 to make it possible or easy for them to take part in lessons.

The *Rattrapage* rules should be updated. From the budgetary viewpoint it is really difficult for the schools to foresee 18 months in advance the number of new pupils

who might need this type of support. In practice the *Rattrapage* resources are very different in the various schools (see table below).

The present SWALS support for the secondary cycle is 10 periods per week/school, which works out to €32 068.30 based on the €3 206.83 rate per period. The SWALS Working Group proposed in February that the present SWALS support distribution should be changed. Its proposal was to distribute SWALS support proportionally to the schools.

These three support rules in the secondary cycle sometimes overlap. The same pupil might be invited to have LS, *Rattrapage* and SWALS support.

The 2012 budget proposals made by the schools are presented in the table below. Part of the support provision of Luxembourg 1 will be shared with Luxembourg 2 starting from 1.9.2012.

BUDGET PROPOSAL BY SCHOOLS – 2012						
	SWALS S	LSS	RAT	TOTAL	Pupils	Cost/ pupil
ALICANTE	32 325.00	106 674.00	58 186.00	197 185.00	559	352.75
BERGEN	15 197.00	46 781.00		61 978.00	324	191.29
BRUSSELS I	16 493.00	314 269.00	38 392.00	369 154.00	1 743	211.79
BRUSSELS II	32 554.00	214 851.00		247 405.00	1 660	149.04
BRUSSELS III	31 940.00	229 971.60	44 716.70	306 628.30	1 700	180.37
BRUSSELS IV	26 277.00	87 653.00	19 707.85	133 637.85	202	661.57
CULHAM		94 404.00	6 165.00	100 569.00	483	208.22
FRANKFURT	22 000.00	20 542.00		42 542.00	526	80.88
KARLSRUHE	36 751.00	76 178.00	146 300.00	259 229.00	541	479.17
LUX I	42 319.68	345 062.86	32 553.10	419 935.64	2 233	188.06
LUX 2	12 428.00	85 750.00		98 178.00	0	0.00
MOL	27 459.00	53 290.00	0.00	80 749.00	468	172.54
MUNICH	32 068.30	227 685.00	19 241.00	278 994.30	1 007	277.05
VARESE	30 906.91	80 236.66	61 813.83	172 957.40	714	242.24
	358 718.89	1 983 348.12	427 075.48	2 769 142.49	12 160	227.73

The biggest problem with the current support distribution system in the secondary cycle is the disparity between the schools. Secondary school support costs range between €80/pupil (Frankfurt) and €661/pupil (Brussels IV), while the average is €227 per pupil.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that secondary pupil support practices be harmonised by incorporating Secondary Learning Support, *Rattrapage* support and SWALS support into a single support system.

A new proposal should be drafted for the Joint Teaching Committee's October meeting in order to update the current rules concerning Support distribution. The financial impact of this proposal would be a saving of €405 972.39.

CONCLUSION

The Budget situation in 2012 is very exceptional. The proposed distribution of Support resources should be introduced starting from 1.9.2011.

Based on harmonised distribution of the nursery/primary and secondary support resources, the support calculated for the nursery/primary and secondary cycles would be €3 890 055.01 for the financial year 2012.

2012 SUPPORT PROPOSAL			
	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TOTAL
ALICANTE	€83 544.00	€104 901.41	€188 445.41
BERGEN	€35 783.00	€63 053.86	€98 836.86
BRUSSELS I	€186 894.00	€323 945.77	€510 839.77
BRUSSELS II	€144 402.00	€309 514.60	€453 916.60
BRUSSELS III	€218 637.56	€316 698.20	€535 335.76
BRUSSELS IV	€116 941.48	€49 690.28	€166 631.76
CULHAM	€35 032.00	€88 047.67	€123 079.67
FRANKFURT	€37 775.00	€115 830.34	€153 605.34
KARLSRUHE	€65 504.30	€104 636.29	€170 140.59
LUXEMBOURG I	€218 845.23	€438 533.67	€657 378.90
LUXEMBOURG 2	€139 823.00	€4 866.70	€144 689.70
MOL	€48 886.00	€86 422.12	€135 308.12
MUNICH	€134 532.00	€206 723.73	€341 255.73
VARESE	€60 285.34	€150 305.46	€210 590.80
	€1 526 884.91	€2 363 170.10	€3 890 055.01

The financial effect of this proposal would be a saving of €666 127.21 in the 2012 budget. Additional savings will be made on social charges, which are not included in the calculations.

The Secretary-General is requested to prepare a proposal for the Joint Teaching Committee's October meeting to address the question of the future support standards in nursery/primary and in the secondary cycle for the financial year 2013 onwards.