

**Guidance Notes for
Preparing School Budget /
Fee Revision Application
of DSS Schools for the 2026/27 s.y.**

5 May 2026

School Governance and Efficiency 1 Section

Application for School Fee Revision

Call letter (with Excel file template) will be issued through FITS on **5 May 2026**

Deadline for submission of application:

15 June 2026



INCOMPLETE information submitted may lead to **DELAY** in processing the applications



Schools NOT increasing school fees

- To freeze or reduce school fees
- To provide school's financial position in the format of –
 - Appendix 1 (Parts I, II, III, IV and IX):
 - Income and expenditure statement under operating reserve
 - Note: The Income and Expenditure Statement of private class, if any, should not be included in Appendix 1
 - Expenditure under designated reserves
 - Net Book Value of Additional School Buildings Financed by Non-government Funds in Operating Reserve
 - Estimated number of classes, enrolment and school fees
 - Appendix 7 (applicable to schools with boarding section only)
- Certification by school supervisor with school chop

Schools **INCREASING** school fees (1)

- Starting from the application for fee revision of the 2025/26 school year, to reduce schools' administrative work and speed up the vetting process, simplified procedures and general procedures for fee revision application are provided.

Simplified procedures

- For schools increasing school fees of **not more than 4.2%** for the 2026/27 school year **and** their accumulated total operating reserve (excluding the net book value of additional school buildings financed by non-government funds in the operating reserve) as at 31 August 2025 not exceeding the annual operating expenses of the 2024/25 school year as reflected in the 2024/25 audited accounts
- provide the school's financial position and fee revision percentage in the format in **Appendix 1**, as well as **Appendix 7 (if applicable)**.

Schools **INCREASING** school fees (2)

General procedures

- For schools increasing school fees of more than 4.2% (including school applying for different fee increases at different class levels and there is a fee increase of more than 4.2% at one/more class level(s))
- OR for schools increasing school fees of not more than 4.2% for the 2026/27 school year but their accumulated total operating reserve (excluding the net book value of additional school buildings financed by non-government funds in the operating reserve) as at 31 August 2025 exceeding the annual operating expenses of the 2024/25 school year as reflected in the 2024/25 audited accounts

Schools **INCREASING** school fees (3)

- Complete Declaration by School Supervisor (with school chop) at Appendix 2
- Provide details in
 - a) Schedule 1:
 - Information Sheet for Parent Consultation
 - b) Schedule 2a:
 - Income and Expenditure Statement under Operating Reserve
 - Expenditure under Designated Reserves
 - Balance for Grandfathered Reserve and Reserve for Construction, Maintenance and Upgrading of Above-standard Facilities
 - Net Book Value of Additional School Buildings Financed by Non-government Funds in Operating Reserve
 - c) Schedule 2b:
 - Breakdown of Repairs and Maintenance Expenses (only for total amount > \$1 million)
 - Breakdown of Other Operating Expenses
 - d) Schedule 2c:
 - No. of Classes, Enrolment, Fee Income and DSS Subsidy
 - Fee Revision Percentage of Local Students / Non-local Students
 - e) Schedule 2d:
 - Provision for Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme

Schools **INCREASING** school fees (4)

- Complete and submit documents as required in Appendices 3 & 4
- For schools having boarding section:
 - Appendix 7:
 - Income and Expenditure Statement
 - Projected Enrolment and Fee Income
- Private class (if any) should not be included

Parent Consultation (1)

- Threshold for full parent consultation:
4.2% for 2026/27 Fee Revision Exercise
- Parent consultation and consent from the majority of the parents concerned are required for:
 - schools applying for fee increase higher than the threshold (i.e. > 4.2%); or
 - schools applying for fee increase with their accumulated total operating reserve (excluding the net book value of additional school buildings financed by non-government funds in the operating reserve) as at 31 August 2025 exceeding the annual operating expenses of the 2024/25 school year as reflected in the 2024/25 audited accounts.

Parent Consultation (2)

Schools are required to :

1. send to parents a printed letter / circular attached with the financial information of the school [*Please refer to “Extract of Appendix 3” on Slide 10; & “Sample” on Slide 11*] and an “Acknowledgement Slip” [*Please refer to “Appendix 4” on Slide 12*] with space for parents’ views / comments as required in the call letter; (schools are encouraged to provide the financial information to parents in Chinese) and
2. submit to EDB a copy of each of the printed letter / circular to parents with the information on school’s financial situation and the acknowledgement slip.

Parent Consultation

Essential Information to be included in the Financial Situation of the School

*Schools intending to apply for fee increase must provide the following information to **parents / Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** in the consultation process. The information provided should be clear, sufficient and correct for easy understanding of parents.*

- 1. Services / facilities that lead to fee increase** in the 2026/27 school year, with a **breakdown of financial implications** by items
e.g. (i) Hire of additional teachers for the implementation of small-class teaching - \$xxxxxx
(ii) New programme on xxxxx - \$xxxxxx
- 2. Total additional funds** needed for all the items that lead to fee increase
- 3. Estimated deficit** if the school fee is kept unchanged for the 2026/27 school year according to the budget for the 2026/27 school year
- 4. Estimated surplus / deficit** (where appropriate) after the proposed school fee increase according to the budget for the 2026/27 school year
- 5. The accumulated total operating reserve**, the amount in the Reserve for Construction, Maintenance and Upgrading of Above-Standard Facilities and the amount of Grandfathered Reserve (if any) of the school (each in terms of the number of months of the annual operating expenses), as reflected in the Audited Accounts for the 2024/25 school year

SAMPLE
ABC School
Essential information

| | Item | HKD |
|----|--|--|
| 1. | <p><u>Services that lead to fee increase in the 2026/27 school year :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Maintain a low teacher-student ratio for the implementation of small-class teaching on core subjects (ii) Continue to provide academic counselling and support (iii) Continue to provide guidance and counselling support on career planning and further study <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Total:</u></p> | <p>700,000</p> <p>48,000</p> <p>42,000</p> <p><u>790,000</u></p> |
| 2. | <p><u>Estimated deficit if the school fee is kept unchanged for the 2026/27 school year</u></p> | <p>1.5 millions</p> |
| 3. | <p><u>Estimated deficit / surplus after the proposed school fee increase for 2026/27 school year</u></p> | <p>0.5 million</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>The operating reserve as at 31 Aug 2025 (audited)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This amount includes the 0.6 months Net Book Value of additional buildings. After excluding the NBV, the operating reserve equals 2.0 months annual operating expenses. | <p>2.6 months</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>The amount in the Reserve for Construction, Maintenance and Upgrading of Above-Standard Facilities as at 31 Aug 2025 (audited)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This amount includes the 1.0 month Net Book Value of additional buildings. After excluding the NBV, the reserve equals 0.5 month annual operating expenses. | <p>1.5 months</p> |
| 6. | <p><u>Nil for Grandfathered Reserve</u></p> | |



SAMPLE**Parent Consultation
Acknowledgement Slip**

[Please return this slip on or before xx June 2026]

Proposed school fee increase for the 2026/27 school year

1. I acknowledge receipt of your letter of xx May 2026 informing me the proposed school fee increase for the 2026/27 school year and the financial situation of the school.
2. My views on the event of the proposed school fee increase in the 2026/27 school year are as follows (Optional):

Student's

Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Class: _____ ()

Parent's Name: _____

Date: _____



Information Sheet for Parent Consultation

(to be completed by schools applying for fee revision of (i) more than 4.2% for the 2026/27 school year or (ii) not more than 4.2% for the 2026/27 school year but the accumulated total operating reserve (excluding the net book value of additional school buildings financed by non-government funds in the operating reserve) as at 31 August 2025 exceeding the annual operating expenses of the 2024/25 school year as reflected in the 2024/25 audited accounts for the 2026/27 school year)

4. Referring to the section on parent consultation in EDB's call letter of 5 May 2026 and Notes to Part 4 of Schedule 1 (p.5 of 5),

my school **issued a consultation letter/circular** to **all parents** on _____, copies of the letter/circular with the information on school's **financial situation** and the **acknowledgement slip** are attached. **Concerns of parents have been addressed.** Details are provided on pages 2 to 3 of Schedule 1.

(To be cont'd)

(Part 4 Cont'd)

A. Consultation process: (please continue on separate sheets if necessary)

[If a consultation meeting has been conducted, please provide the details as well.]

B. Consultation results: (please continue on separate sheets if necessary)

No. of reply slips received from parents:

Total no. of students involved in the consultation:

C. How parents' concerns have been addressed:

(please continue on separate sheets if necessary)

(To be cont'd)

Parent Consultation (3)

- If proposed fee increase $\leq 4.2\%$ with accumulated total operating reserve (excluding the net book value of additional school buildings financed by non-government funds in the operating reserve) \leq annual operating expense (2024/25), Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) should be consulted as a basic requirement.
- For consultation with PTA, schools are required to provide PTA with the information on school's financial situation as required in Appendix 3.
- Schools are also required to submit to EDB a copy of the information on school's financial situation which has been provided to PTA.

Parent Consultation (4)

Example 1

Proposing fee increase at S1 in secondary-cum-primary DSS schools

Parent consultation at least with the PTA of the primary school section should be conducted

Parent Consultation (5)

Example 2

Proposing fee increase at entry levels i.e. P1 or S1

Parents of new applicants and successful applicants should be informed of the school fee arrangements by means of application form and offer letter respectively. (If not feasible, at least by offer letter)

Parent Consultation (6)

Example 3

Proposing fee increase at P1 (30%), P3 (10%), P4 (10%) & P5 – P6 (Nil)

It is required to conduct full consultation with parents at the affected levels (i.e. P1 to P3) and follow the same requirements in **Example 2**.

If there is a proposed fee increase at P1 or S1 level only (i.e. no proposed fee increase at other levels) OR the proposed fee increase % at P1 or S1 level is much higher than that at other level(s), justifications should be provided to show that there is a genuine need for the differential school fee, e.g. additional services are provided for P1 or S1 students only.

Reserves for Assessment of Fee Increase Applications

- Schools are also required to provide the following information in accordance with the 2024/25 Audited Accounts:

Simplified procedures

- Grandfathered Reserve (if any)

General procedures

- Accumulated Operating Reserve balance
- Reserve for Construction, Maintenance and Upgrading of Above-standard Facilities (if any)
- Grandfathered Reserve (if any)

(Part 4 Cont'd)

D. Justifications for fee increase: (please continue on separate sheets if necessary)

(Part 5 is applicable only to schools with the following Reserve)

5. Reserve for Construction, Maintenance and Upgrading of Above-standard Facilities

Are the funds of the Reserve expended according to the plan approved by the School Management Committee (SMC)/ Incorporated Management Committee (IMC)? (Please tick A or B.)

- A. my school has spent the Reserve according to the *deployment* plan approved by the SMC/IMC.
- B.* my school has NOT spent the Reserve according to the *deployment* plan approved by the SMC/IMC.

* If B is checked, please provide justifications (if any) for not spending according to the plan.

(Part 6 is applicable only to schools with the following Reserve)

6. Grandfathered Reserve

Available balance of the Grandfathered Reserve (i.e. the amount left after excluding the Net Book Value of fixed assets recorded under this Reserve):

\$ _____

Are the funds of the Reserve expended as planned? (Please tick A or B.)

A. my school has spent *the Reserve according to the deployment plan approved by the EDB.*

B.* my school has NOT spent the Reserve *according to the deployment plan approved by the EDB.*

* If B is checked, please provide justifications (if any) for not spending as planned.

7. In case of enquiries, please contact the following officer of my school :

Name : _____ Post: _____ Tel No.: _____

(To be cont'd)

Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rates

The “2026/27 Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rates” will be adopted for the “School Budget / Fee Revision Application” of DSS Schools for the 2026/27 school year.

2026/27 Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rates

| Level | \$ per pupil per annum |
|-------|------------------------|
| P1-6 | HK\$ 80,543 |
| S1-3 | HK\$ 76,226 |
| S4-6 | HK\$ 89,607 |

Note: The 2026/27 Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rates serve as a reference for budgeting purpose.

- The 2026/27 Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rates will be adopted for projection of the income of DSS subsidy, provision of fee remission and scholarship scheme and school fees of non-local students for “Budget” (i.e. “2026/27 Budget”).

Determination of Fee Increase % (1)

- For the operation of new non-local curriculum classes with different fees from local-curriculum at S5 level, it is not counted as fee increase at the class level.
- For a school applying for different fee increases at different class levels, if there is proposed fee increase at **more than 4.2%** at one or more class level(s), the school is classified as applying for fee increase higher than the threshold and is thus required to conduct full parent consultation at the affected level(s).

Determination of Fee Increase % (2)

- Scenario 1 – if prior written notification has been given to parents that the same approved school fee* of the preceding class level will be charged when their children proceed to the next higher class level but afterwards fee revision is proposed, then

Fee increase % - By Cohort of Students

* school fee is subject to EDB's approval

- Scenario 2 - if no prior written notification has been provided to parents that the same approved school fee level of the preceding class level will be charged when their children proceed to the next higher class level, then

Fee increase % - By Class Level

Example

Examples of Calculation of Fee Revision Percentage of Local Students

| Class Level | School Fee (Per Pupil Per Annum) ^(Note 1) | | Fee Revision % Calculation Method | For schools with fee revision calculated by "Cohort of Students", prior written notification should have been provided to parents. (Please enter Yes or No at Class Level(s) with Proposed Fee Revision <u>only</u>) (Note 4) | Proposed Fee Revision % for the 2026/27 school year [(B) - (A)] / (A) ^(Note 5) (Please enter % at Class Level(s) with Proposed Fee Revision <u>only</u>) |
|-------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | 2025/26 School Year (A) \$ | (Proposed) 2026/27 School Year (B) \$ | S - by "Cohort of <u>Students</u> " ^(Note 2) <u>or</u> L - by "Class <u>Level</u> " ^(Note 3) (Please enter S or L at Class Level(s) with Proposed Fee Revision <u>only</u>) | | |
| Primary 1 | 30,000 | 30,000 | - | - | - |
| Primary 2 | 20,000 | 32,000 | S (by "Cohort of Students") | Yes | (32,000 - 30,000) / 30,000 = 6.67% |
| | | | | | |
| Secondary 1 | 30,000 | 30,000 | - | - | - |
| Secondary 2 | 20,000 | 32,000 | L (by "Class Level") | No | (32,000 - 20,000) / 20,000 = 60% |

Determination of Fee Increase % (3)

Non-local students (except those specified in EDBC No. 16/2025) are not eligible for DSS subsidy.

In order to ensure no cross-subsidisation of government funds to these students, DSS schools should set the school fee for non-local students (NOT eligible for DSS Subsidy) for the 2026/27 school year not less than the sum as follows:

School Fee for Local Students

+

2026/27 Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rates
(for the Class Level)

Note: All school fees collected must be shown on the Fees Certificate issued by EDB.

Examples for setting the school fee for non-local students NOT eligible for DSS subsidy
Proposed School Fee for the 2026/27 School Year

(A) A primary DSS school with operating history of 16 years or above:

| Class Level | Proposed School Fee for Local Students (\$pppa) | Proposed School Fee for Non-local students * (\$pppa) |
|-------------|---|---|
| P2 | 10,000 | $(10,000 + 80,543) = 90,543$ |
| P5 | 15,000 | $(15,000 + 80,543) = 95,543$ |

(B) A secondary DSS school with operating history of 16 years or above:

| Class Level | Proposed School Fee for Local Students (\$pppa) | Proposed School Fee for Non-local students * (\$pppa) |
|-------------|---|---|
| S2 | 20,000 | $(20,000 + 76,226) = 96,226$ |
| S5 | 28,000 | $(28,000 + 89,607) = 117,607$ |

* In the examples, the proposed school fee for non-local students NOT eligible for DSS subsidy is set as:
 (Proposed School Fee for Local Students + 2026/27 Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rate for the Class Level)

2026/27 Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rates

Primary schools (with operating history of 16 years or above):

P1 - P6 : \$80,543 pppa

Secondary schools (with operating history of 16 years or above):

S1 - S3: \$76,226 pppa

S4 - S6: \$89,607 pppa

Examples of Calculation of Fee Revision Percentage of Non-local Students

| Class Level | School Fee (Per Pupil Per Annum) for Non-local Students ^(Note 1) | | | | | Fee Revision % Calculation Method | For schools with fee revision calculated by "Cohort of Students", prior written notification should have been provided to parents. (Please enter Yes or No at Class Level(s) with Proposed Fee Revision <u>only</u>) (Note 4) | Proposed Fee Revision % for the 2026/27 school year [(G) - (D)] / (D)] or [(F) - (C)] / (C)] ^(Note 1) (Please enter % at Class Level(s) with Proposed Fee Revision <u>only</u>) |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| | 2025/26 School Year | | (Proposed) 2026/27 School Year | | | | | |
| | Amount of Non-local Student Fee (C) \$ | Local Student Fee (D) \$ | + 2024/25 Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rate with Adjustment (H) \$ | Amount of Non-local Student Fee (F) \$ | Local Student Fee (G) \$ | | | |
| Primary 1 | 70,000 | | | | | | | |
| Primary 2 | 60,000 | | | 75,000 | | S (by "Cohort of Students") | Yes | $\frac{[(F) - (C)]}{(C)}$ $= \frac{(75,000 - 60,000)}{60,000}$ $= 25.0\%$ |
| Primary 3 | 60,000 | | | 75,000 | | L (by "Class Level") | No | $\frac{[(G) - (D)]}{(D)}$ $= \frac{(32,000 - 20,000)}{20,000}$ $= 60\%$ |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 1 | | 30,000 | 76,316 | | | | | |
| | | (Total: 106,316) | | | | | | |
| Secondary 2 | | 20,000 | 76,316 | 32,000 | 76,226 | S (by "Cohort of Students") | Yes | $\frac{[(G) - (D)]}{(D)}$ $= \frac{(32,000 - 20,000)}{20,000}$ $= 60\%$ |
| | | (Total: 96,316) | | (Total: 108,226) | | | | |
| Secondary 3 | | 20,000 | 76,316 | 32,000 | 76,226 | L (by "Class Level") | No | $\frac{[(F) - (C)]}{(C)}$ $= \frac{(75,000 - 60,000)}{60,000}$ $= 25.0\%$ |
| | | (Total: 96,316) | | (Total: 108,226) | | | | |

Determination of Fee Increase % (4)

For School Fees of Non-local Students

- For schools charging non-local students school fees equal to "school fee of the corresponding local students + applicable projected DSS unit subsidy of the corresponding level", if fee change is solely due to the change in the DSS unit subsidy rates, it is not counted as fee revision.
- If fee change is due to the change of school fee component of the corresponding local students, it is counted as fee revision and the fee increase % is calculated based on this component.

Other Operating Expenses

- Only approved expenditure items (expenditure of educational nature) can be charged to Government funds.
- For the approved list, please refer to Annex 2 of EDB Circular No. 17/2012 dated 29 August 2012.

Feed-in Tariff (FiT) Scheme

- In relation to schools' participation in the FiT Scheme, DSS schools are not allowed to increase tuition fees for the reason of participating in the FiT Scheme. Relevant expenditure will not be considered in the assessment of any applications for fee revision.
- For details, please refer to the EDBCM No.168/2019 on *Participation of Schools in Feed-in Tariff (FiT) Scheme* issued on 2 September 2019.

(I) Income and Expenditure Statement under Operating Reserve

Name of School : _____

| | 2024/25 School Year Audited Accounts (A) ^(Note 2) | 2025/26 School Year | | 2026/27 School Year Budget | | | Year on year change Increase / (Decrease) 2025/26 Vs 2024/25 [(C)-(A)]/(A) | Year on year change Increase / (Decrease) 2026/27 Vs 2025/26 [(F)-(C)]/(C) |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | | Original Budget (B) ^(Note 3) | Revised Estimates (C) | Government Funds ^(Note 9) (D) | Non- Government Funds (E) | Total (F) = (D) + (E) | | |
| EXPENDITURE ^(Note 6) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | % |
| 1. Staff salaries and gratuities | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Provident fund, Provision for long service payment or Other retirement benefits | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Govt. rent and rates expense | | | | | | | -- | -- |
| 4. Depreciation charges ^(Note 10) | | | | | | | | |
| a. Existing premises (other than additional school buildings) | | | | | | | | |
| b. Additional school buildings | | | | | | | | |
| c. Furniture & equipment | | | | | | | | |
| d. Renewable energy facilities under government funds | | | | | N.A. | | | |
| e. Computer hardware & software | | | | | | | | |
| f. Air-conditioning | | | | | | | | |
| g. Others (please specify) | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Repairs and maintenance ^(Notes 10 & 11) (Details as per Schedule 2b p.1) | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Other operating expenses (Details as per Schedule 2b p.2) | | | | | | | | |
| (a) TOTAL EXPENDITURE (G) | | | | | | | | |
| (b) % change in total expenditure | | | | | | | | |
| DEFICIT OF GRANT ACCOUNTS (please specify by individual grant) ^(Note 6) | | | [(C) - (B)]/(B) | | | | | |
| SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) for the Year (H) | | | | | N.A. | | | |
| Add: OPERATING RESERVE BALANCE / (DEFICIT) brought forward from previous year(s) (I) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | per (i) | | per (ii) | | |
| Transfer from / (to) designated reserves (please specify by individual designated reserves) (J) | | | | | | | | |
| OPERATING RESERVE BALANCE / (DEFICIT) carried forward to next year (K)=(H)+(I)+(J) | | | | | | | | |
| | (i) | | (ii) | | | | | |
| Equivalent months of expenses [(K / L [*]) x 12] | | | | | | | | |

**Breakdown of Other Operating Expenses
(2024/25 - 2026/27)**

Name of School : _____

| Item (Notes 1 & 2) (A) | 2024/25 School Year Audited Accounts (B) \$ | 2025/26 School Year | | 2026/27 School Year Budget | | | Year on year change Increase / (Decrease) 2025/26 Vs 2024/25 [(D)-(B)]/(B) % | Year on year change Increase / (Decrease) 2026/27 Vs 2025/26 [(G)-(D)]/(D) % |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---|---|
| | | Original Budget (C) \$ | Revised Estimates (D) \$ | Government Funds (Note 3) (E) \$ | Non- Government Funds (F) \$ | Total (G)=(E)+(F) \$ | | |
| 1. Advertising | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Approved repayment of interest on loan | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Audit fee | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Bank charges | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Bank interest paid | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Celebrations and entertainment | | | | | | | | |
| 7. Cleaning materials, consumables and first-aid | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Curriculum development | | | | | | | | |
| 9. Extra-curricular activities, prizes and sports | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Insurance for fire, theft, public liability and employees compensation | | | | | | | | |
| 11. Library books, newspaper, magazines and teachers' textbooks, maps etc. | | | | | | | | |
| 12. Postages | | | | | | | | |
| 13. Stamp | | | | | | | | |
| 14. Printing and stationery | | | | | | | | |
| 15. Professional fees | | | | | | | | |
| 16. Staff training expenses | | | | | | | | |
| 17. Travelling and transportation | | | | | | | | |
| 18. Utilities (Fuel, light and power, telephone and water charges) | | | | | | | | |
| 19. Wreaths, flower-baskets and similar tributes on behalf of the school | | | | | | | | |
| 20. Miscellaneous (please provide further breakdown for 2024/25 to 2026/27 if the figures under columns (D), (E) or (F) exceed 5% of total Other Operating Expenses (item 6 of Schedule 2a p.2)) | | | | | | | | |
| (Per Schedule 2a, page 2) Total | | | | | | | | |

Provision of Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme (1)

- A DSS school will receive full DSS subsidy from EDB unless its school fee level exceeds 2 & 1/3 of the DSS unit subsidy rates (X). Beyond this school fee level, EDB will not provide any DSS subsidy to the school.

[Please refer to “Extract of Appendix 6” on Slide 36]



- If a DSS school charges a school fee exceeding 2/3 and up to 2 & 1/3 of the DSS unit subsidy rate, then for every additional dollar charged over and above 2/3 of the DSS unit subsidy rate, the school should set aside 50 cents or 10% of total school fees for the year, whichever is the greater, for the Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme.

[Please refer to “Extract of Appendix 6” on Slide 36]



Information for Preparing Budget for Provision for Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme for the 2026/27 school year

(a)(i) 2025/26 projected DSS unit subsidy rates [for calculation under 2025/26 Revised Estimates]

| Class Level | A. Applicable to schools with operating history below 16 years | | | B. Applicable to schools with operating history of 16 years or above | | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| | DSS unit subsidy rate (X) | 2/3 X | 2-1/3 X | DSS unit subsidy rate (X) | 2/3 X | 2-1/3 X |
| | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) |
| <u>Primary</u> P1 - P6 | 75,844 | 50,563 | 176,969 | 79,004 | 52,669 | 184,343 |
| <u>Secondary</u> S1 - S3 | 72,840 | 48,560 | 169,960 | 75,093 | 50,062 | 175,217 |
| S4 - S6 | 85,820 | 57,213 | 200,247 | 88,474 | 58,983 | 206,439 |

(a)(ii) 2026/27 provisional projected DSS unit subsidy rates [for calculation under 2026/27 Budget]

| Class Level | Applicable to schools with operating history of 16 years or above | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|----------|
| | DSS unit subsidy rate (X) | 2/3 X | 2-1/3 X |
| | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) |
| <u>Primary</u> P1 - P6 | 80,543 | 53,695 | 187,934 |
| <u>Secondary</u> S1 - S3 | 76,226 | 50,817 | 177,861 |
| S4 - S6 | 89,607 | 59,738 | 209,083 |



Provision for Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme (2)

- Schools adhering to the General procedures are required to show the calculation of the amount set aside for fee remission and scholarship scheme for both the 2026/27 budget and the 2025/26 revised estimates.

[Please refer to “Extract of Schedule 2d” on Slide 38, “Schedule 2a” on Slide 39, & “Extract of Appendix 6” on Slide 40]



- Deployment of Fee Remission and Scholarship funds is by the school as a whole.
- School fee incomes of both local and non-local students should be set aside under one pool.

**(For school adhering to the General procedures for the 2026/27 school year)
Provision for Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme**

Name of School : _____

1. Provision for Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 School Years

| | 2025/26 Revised Estimates \$ | 2026/27 Budget \$ |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Required Provision</u> for Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme as computed in <u>Schedule 2d p.2 and p.3</u> <div style="text-align: right;">(A)</div> | | |
| <u>Provision made by school</u> in the income and expenditure statement (per <u>Schedule 2a p.1</u>) <div style="text-align: right;">(B)</div> | | |
| Surplus / (Shortfall) [(B) - (A)] | | |

(I) Income and Expenditure Statement under Operating Reserve

Name of School : _____

| | 2024/25 School Year Audited Accounts (A) ^(Note 2) | 2025/26 School Year | | 2026/27 School Year Budget ^(Note 4) | | | Year on year change Increase / (Decrease) 2025/26 Vs 2024/25 [(C)-(A)]/(A) | Year on year change Increase / (Decrease) 2026/27 Vs 2025/26 [(F)-(C)]/(C) |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | | Original Budget (B) ^(Note 3) | Revised Estimates (C) | Government Funds ^(Note 5) (D) | Non- Government Funds (E) | Total (F) = (D) + (E) | | |
| INCOME ^(Note 6) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | % | % |
| 1. School fees (gross) (Schedule 2c) | | | | N.A. | | | | |
| Less : | | | | | | | | |
| Provision for fee remission and scholarship scheme (Schedule 2d) | | | | | | | | |
| 2. Reimbursement of Government rent and rates | | | | | N.A. | | --- | --- |
| 3. DSS subsidy (Schedule 2c) | | | | | N.A. | | --- | --- |
| 4. Interest income ^(Note 7) | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Rental income | | | | N.A. | | | | |
| 6. Donations for general purpose ^(Note 8) | | | | N.A. | | | | |
| 7. Others (please provide further breakdown for 2024/25 to 2026/27 when the total for 2026/27 is over \$0.1M) | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | | | | | | |

An example for the required provision for fee remission and scholarship scheme for the 2026/27 budget of a secondary school with operating history of 16 years or above:

| Class Level | School Fee (Note 1) | Provisional Projected DSS Unit Subsidy Rate for the 2026/27 school year | 2/3 of DSS Unit Subsidy Rate | School Fee > 2/3 DSS Unit Subsidy Rate (Y/N) | Total School Fee (Note 1) | Projected Enrolment as at 1.9.2026 | Amount set aside for class level with school fee > 2/3 DSS Unit Subsidy Rate | 10% of School Fee | To adopt Amount in (f) or (g) (Note 2) | Required Provision for Fee Remission and Scholarship Scheme by Level for 2026/27 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|--|---|
| | (a) | (b) | (c) = 2/3(b) | | (d) | (e) | (f) = [(a) - (c)] x (e) x 1/2 (\$) | (g) = (d) x 10% (\$) | | (\$) |
| | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) | (\$pppa) | | (\$) | | | | | |
| S1 | 61,000 | 76,226 | 50,817 | Y | 8,235,000 | 135 | 687,330 | 823,500 | (g) | 823,500 |
| S2 | 51,000 | 76,226 | 50,817 | Y | 7,854,000 | 154 | 14,065 | 785,400 | (g) | 785,400 |
| S3 | 45,000 | 76,226 | 50,817 | N | 6,075,000 | 135 | - | 607,500 | (g) | 607,500 |
| S4 | 40,000 | 89,607 | 59,738 | N | 6,720,000 | 168 | - | 672,000 | (g) | 672,000 |
| S5 | 35,000 | 89,607 | 59,738 | N | 5,705,000 | 163 | - | 570,500 | (g) | 570,500 |
| S6 | 35,000 | 89,607 | 59,738 | N | 5,250,000 | 150 | - | 525,000 | (g) | 525,000 |
| S6 (non-local student) | 124,607 | 89,607 | 59,738 | Y | 124,607 | 1 | 32,435 | 12,461 | (f) | 32,435 |
| Total school fee income per accounts: | | | | | <u>39,963,607</u> | | | | | <u>4,016,335</u> |



Non-local Curriculum

Schools offering Non-local Curriculum should:

- indicate actual and projected number of classes and enrolment of non-local curriculum, if applicable, in Appendix 1 or Schedule 2 (c) of the Template;
- provide separate income and expenditure statement (in Schedules 2 (a) & 2 (b) of the Template) if different school fees will be charged for non-local curriculum classes.

Number of Classes, Enrolment, Fee Income and DSS Subsidy

Name of School : _____

1. 2025/26 - Revised Estimates (Note 1)

| Class Level | 2025/26 School Year | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--|--|
| | Actual Number of Classes | Actual Enrolment at the End of Month Preceding the Date of Fee Revision Application | | Actual School Fee (Per Pupil Per Annum) | | Number of Instalments Per Annum | Gross School Fee Income | | | Actual Enrolment at the End of Month Preceding the Date of Fee Application eligible for DSS Subsidy (Note 2) | Estimated DSS Subsidy from Government (Note 4) |
| | | Number of Local Students (Note 2) | Number of Non-local Students (Note 3) | Local Students (Note 2) | Non-local Students (Note 3) | | Local Students | Non-local Students | Total | | |
| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) \$ | (E) \$ | (F) | (G)=(B)x(D) \$ | (H)=(C)x(E) \$ | (I)=(G)+(H) \$ | (J) | (K) \$ | |
| Primary 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary 6 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 5 (Local Curriculum) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 6 (Local Curriculum) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 5 (Non-local Curriculum) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Secondary 6 (Non-local Curriculum) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | (Schedule 2a) | | (Schedule 2a) |

Notes:

1. The income of private classes, if any, should NOT be included in the statement.
For the former aided/Caput school admitted to the DSS, please provide the Revised Estimates for the 2025/26 school year for ex-aided/ex-Caput classes and DSS classes in separate sheets.
2. Please include the number of non-local students eligible for DSS subsidy in this column.
The school fees for non-local students eligible for DSS subsidy at a certain level should be the same as that of the local students at the same level.
3. Non-local students are not eligible for DSS subsidy (except those specified in EDB Circular No. 16/2025).
Different fee levels should be set for non-local students not eligible for DSS subsidy to ensure no cross-subsidisation of government funds to these students. School fee for non-local students (who are not eligible for DSS subsidy) should be not less than the sum of the school fee for local students and the applicable 2024/25 projected DSS unit subsidy rate with adjustment. If the proposed school fee for non-local students is more than the sum, justifications should be provided.
Examples of setting the school fees for non-local students are provided at Appendix 8.
4. DSS subsidy is calculated as follows -

Actual enrolment at end of month preceding date of application eligible for DSS subsidy, Column (J)

X

2025/26 projected rates of DSS subsidy per pupil per annum applicable to the income banding of the school fee [as per p.1 of Appendix 6]