

Provincial Update on the Auditor General Recommendations
 Department of Education
 November 2011

The Department of Education, the Regional School Boards, and our other educational partners, have worked together to address the recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General. We strive to address each recommendation while ensuring excellence in education and enable students to contribute to a productive society and prosperous economy. The Department of Education appreciates the work and the resulting recommendations that the Office of the Auditor General has conducted.

Recommendations assigned to the Department of Education:

Department of Education	Complete	Work In Progress	Action no Longer Required	Do not Intend to Implement	Total Recommendations
April 2009					
Chapter 2: Government-wide: Audit Committees	-	-	-	2	2
February 2010					
Chapter 3: Contract Management of Public-Private Partnership Schools	18	3	-	-	21
Total	18	3	-	2	23
Percentage	78%	13%	0%	9%	100%

Recommendations in Detail:

Month & Year	Chapter	Recommendation	Status	Brief summary of actions taken
April 2009	2	2.10	Do not intend to implement this recommendation	The Department will work with the School Boards to ensure policies are in place to enable committees to have access to information to allow appropriate oversight.
April 2009	2	2.11	Do not intend to implement this recommendation	The Department will facilitate access to appropriate resources to ensure internal audit assessments are conducted with due regard for economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
February 2010	3	3.1	Complete	All P3 partners are required to be in compliance with the Child Abuse Registry before an employee is permitted to work in a school with children present.

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February 2010	3	3.2	Complete	The partners all require Criminal Records Check clearance before an employee is permitted to work in a school.
February 2010	3	3.3	Complete	All partners ensure that at least one employee on each shift has current first aid and CPR certification as required by legislation.
February 2010	3	3.4	Complete	Department of Education participates in Fire Safety Audits with the Fire Marshall's Office.
February 2010	3	3.5	Complete	All partners have indicated that maintenance performed aligns with manufacturer recommendations and/or industry standards.
February 2010	3	3.6	Work in Progress	All partners ensure cleaning procedures are followed and are adjusted as required to meet specific needs that may arise.
February 2010	3	3.7	Complete	All partners document the maintenance and cleaning performed.
February 2010	3	3.8	Complete	Facility Management Team meetings are held at least annually at each P3 school.
February 2010	3	3.9	Complete	Copies of utility invoices are being received from all developers and verified.
February 2010	3	3.10	Complete	Operating payments are verified to annual escalation statements from partners.
February 2010	3	3.11	Complete	The pertinent contracts and agreements are contained in the P3 manual for reference.
February 2010	3	3.12	Work in Progress	Department of Education is requesting annual statements from each P3 partner.

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February 2010	3	3.13	Complete	Ongoing review of Technology Refresh and FFE will continue to ensure payments comply with contractual requirements.
February 2010	3	3.14	Complete	The respective P3 manuals will be maintained and updated as appropriate to assist in ensuring the contracts are adhered to.
February 2010	3	3.15	Complete	The Department acknowledges that the Auditor General's suggestions re contract terms can be considered as a part of any future public-private partnership agreements.
February 2010	3	3.16	Complete	The Department acknowledges that the Auditor General's suggestions re contract terms can be considered as a part of any future public-private partnership agreements.
February 2010	3	3.17	Complete	The Department acknowledges that the Auditor General's suggestions re contract terms can be considered as a part of any future public-private partnership agreements.
February 2010	3	3.18	Work in Progress	Discussions are occurring with partners to define the appropriate action.
February 2010	3	3.19	Complete	Recommendation being followed.
February 2010	3	3.20	Complete	Recommendation being followed.
February 2010	3	3.21	Complete	Recommendation being followed.