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## About your BCeSIS Invoice

The accompanying invoice is intended for schools that have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to participate in the **BCeSIS (Student Information System)**. Independent schools in BCeSIS are members of our **iGroup** which functions as a quasi school district. Currently, the **iGroup Executive** consists of one representative from each of the five associations in FISA. It is the responsibility of the **iGroup** to establish and maintain a Help Desk, and to organize a process for Independent Schools to complete the steps necessary for Implementation, including training of staff and providing the school user codes and passwords. Help desk personnel (including trainers) are paid by the **iGroup** for their work on behalf of our schools.

During the first three years (05 to 08), we completed training in most of the participating schools and 66 of them are now in the system. For those three years of participation, which started when you signed the MOU, the iGroup invoiced schools for an annual payment of \$3.50 per student. After three annual payments were made, the annual rate was expected to drop for those who paid the fees in anticipation of lower maintenance costs. Note that all schools were required to pay the fees for the first three years after the MOU was signed, even if they had not started the implementation process. The new rate for this year is \$3.75 per student due to increased staffing costs. This year, schools that have already made three payments will pay a reduced fee. Further reductions may be applied depending on the cost of continuing to provided services; these reductions will be announced next year.

We are grateful that most participating schools have enabled us to meet our budget by prompt payment. Remember that the early signing grant of \$10 per student, assured when you signed before December 31, 2006, and which you will receive when you are fully implemented, offsets most of your first three payments of our **iGroup** fee. Schools that signed up before that date should implement this year in order to ensure they receive the start-up grant, which may not happen for schools not on by the end of the project phase in 2010.

The amount invoiced covers the cost of your participation in the BCeSIS **iGroup**. The revenue generated from your fees is necessary to cover the cost of operation for our **iGroup** responsibilities as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (also outlined are the school level responsibilities). Check [www.bcesisigroup.ca](http://www.bcesisigroup.ca) and click on "Covered Services" to determine what is covered with your annual fee, and what services might cost your school over and above that.

Our **iGroup Executive** continues to meet frequently to ensure that independent schools are served well by the system, and will continue to work on your behalf. If you have questions or concerns relating to the implementation, or any other matters to pursue, please contact the Program Manager, [andrewsmit@bcesisigroup.ca](mailto:andrewsmit@bcesisigroup.ca), or contact your representative directly:

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**NON-FISA SCHOOLS**

Contact the AMG representative.

Good contact is still a priority, so please ensure that you identify both email contacts on the invoice – one for administration, and the other for the primary eSIS contact. Thank you.