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MEMORANDUM TO: Senior Business Officials

FROM: Cheri Hayward
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DATE: April 11, 2013

SUBJECT: Student Transportation – Grants for Student Needs, 2013-14

As a follow-up to Memorandum 2013:B5, dated March 27, 2013, I am writing to outline the transportation funding allocations through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) in 2013-14 and to provide information for Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) follow-up reviews in the upcoming year.

Aligning with the GSN announcement made on March 27, 2013, the Student Transportation Grant is adjusted to reflect the constrained fiscal environment that we are all under. The total Student Transportation Grant is projected to be \$860.7M in 2013-14. A board-by-board summary of the projected allocation for 2013-14 is provided in Appendix A.

Enrolment Adjustment

In 2013-14, the Ministry will provide \$3.4M to support boards with increasing enrolment. As in the 2012-13 school year, the stable funding guarantee will continue, but will be based on 50 percent of a board's decrease in enrolment. For example, if a board's enrolment decreases by 5 percent, its allocation will be reduced by 2.5 percent.

Cost Update Adjustment

The Ministry will provide a 2 percent increase in funding for providing transportation services. Boards with a transportation deficit in the 2012-13 school year will receive the cost update adjustment, while boards with a transportation surplus will only receive the difference between their surplus and the cost update adjustment if the surplus is less than the total value of the adjustment.

Fuel Escalator and De-escalator Component

The Ministry continues to recognize that fuel costs for student transportation are beyond the control of boards and operators. School boards have been protected from fuel price fluctuations through the fuel escalation and de-escalation mechanism introduced in the GSN in 2010-11. For 2013-14, the Ministry will hold pegged fuel prices stable at \$0.918 per litre for southern school boards and \$0.938 per litre for northern school boards¹. With a 2 percent fuel efficiency assumed, the adjusted pegged price will relate to a retail price of \$0.936 cents per litre for southern school boards and \$0.957 for northern school boards.

The GSN regulation will continue to have a corridor of 3 percent above and below the adjusted funding pegged prices. If fuel prices, as posted by the Ministry of Energy website² (net of HST), are above or below this corridor in any month within the fiscal year, from September to June, a funding adjustment will apply. This provision takes into consideration frequent minor fluctuations in market fuel prices that are manageable within the industry and as such, monthly fluctuations in fuel prices within the corridor will not trigger any adjustments. The net total of the monthly funding adjustments will be applied to a board's transportation allocation following the Revised Estimates and Financial Statement cycles. Boards should note that this adjustment could be positive or negative.

We shall again remind boards to take the potential funding changes due to fuel escalation or de-escalation into consideration when preparing their 2013-14 transportation budgets. Consortia that have not included a fuel price adjustment mechanism in their contracts should do so. Consortia are also encouraged to work with their contract operators to promote good business practices on fuel procurement and utilization.

Full Day Kindergarten Transportation Funding

To support the implementation of Full-day Kindergarten (FDK) in Ontario, the Ministry will continue to phase-in transportation funding to boards based on their reviewed submissions.

A further \$0.3M in FDK transportation funding will be provided to 20 eligible school boards.

Follow-up Effectiveness and Efficiency Reviews

The Ministry is committed to continuous improvement and will continue to conduct follow-up reviews. Follow-up reviews are triggered only when the consortium is confident that they have made significant progress since the initial review. Consortia requesting a follow-up review will be asked to provide details on actions taken on the

¹ All fuel rates quoted in this memorandum are net of HST.

² <http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/fuel-prices/>

recommendations in the E&E Review report prior to being confirmed for a second review.

The review methodology and criteria are consistent with the original review. The reviews, however, have an additional focus on the implementation of recommendations and progress since the initial review. All member boards from the consortium must jointly initiate a request to the Ministry for a return review in writing when they are confident they will achieve an overall “High” rating.

In receiving and reviewing the requests, the Ministry will schedule follow-up reviews in a sequence depending on the timing of the request, the number of requests received subject to availability of the E&E Review team and subject to available funding.

Phase 7 of the E&E Reviews will be conducted from September 2013 until June 2014. Consortia requesting a follow-up review are asked to complete and submit the attached form to the Ministry before June 15, 2013. This will include consortia that had requested in 2012-13 but were not scheduled to receive one in 2012-13. An updated progress checklist has to be provided and attached to the submission form. Note that availability is limited; priority will be given to those consortia that can demonstrate significant progress since their original review.

The Ministry will recommend further funding adjustments if the findings of the return visit support a higher overall rating than the previous review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the 2013-14 GSN or student transportation reforms, please contact Sandy Chan, Manager, Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit at (416) 325-2464, or sandy.chan@ontario.ca.

Original signed by:

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Cc: Directors of Education
Transportation Managers

DSB #	DSB Name	2012-13 Base Allocation ¹	Adjustment for Increasing Enrollment	Adjustment for Declining Enrollment	Non-Salary Benchmark Update (2%)	FDK	Provincial Schools Transportation Amount ²	Projected 2013-14 Allocation ³	Variance from 2012-13	Percentage Variance
1	District School Board Ontario North East (1)	\$7,054,563	\$0	-\$92,080	\$124,160	\$0	\$0	\$7,086,643	\$32,080	0.45%
2	Algoma District School Board (2)	\$7,796,765	\$0	-\$137,231	\$137,223	\$0	\$0	\$7,796,757	-\$8	-0.00%
3	Rainbow District School Board (3)	\$12,450,383	\$0	-\$103,724	\$219,127	\$0	\$0	\$12,565,785	\$115,402	0.93%
4	Near North District School Board (4)	\$10,328,829	\$0	-\$183,855	\$131,489	\$0	\$0	\$10,276,463	-\$52,366	-0.51%
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (5A)	\$4,253,320	\$0	-\$45,707	\$15,379	\$0	\$0	\$4,222,993	-\$30,327	-0.71%
5.2	Rainy River District School Board (5B)	\$2,316,752	\$52,766	\$0	\$40,775	\$0	\$0	\$2,410,293	\$93,541	4.04%
6.1	Lakehead District School Board (6A)	\$6,169,763	\$0	-\$118,265	\$78,114	\$0	\$0	\$6,209,612	\$39,849	0.65%
6.2	Superior-Greystone District School Board (6B)	\$1,596,968	\$0	-\$22,881	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,574,087	-\$22,881	-1.43%
7	Bluewater District School Board (7)	\$12,450,221	\$0	-\$135,031	\$215,716	\$18,377	\$0	\$12,549,283	\$99,062	0.80%
8	Avon Maitland District School Board (8)	\$10,847,537	\$0	-\$132,335	\$190,917	\$0	\$87,635	\$10,993,754	\$58,582	0.54%
9	Greater Essex County District School Board (9)	\$11,334,767	\$0	-\$48,269	\$0	\$15,326	\$0	\$11,301,824	-\$32,943	-0.29%
10	Lambton Kent District School Board (10)	\$11,556,113	\$0	-\$111,629	\$203,388	\$0	\$129,000	\$11,776,872	\$91,759	0.79%
11	Thames Valley District School Board (11)	\$33,310,698	\$0	-\$130,075	\$586,268	\$54,045	\$245,185	\$34,066,121	\$510,238	1.53%
12	Toronto District School Board (12)	\$47,181,353	\$0	-\$124,613	\$830,392	\$0	\$78,700	\$47,965,832	\$705,779	1.50%
13	Durham District School Board (13)	\$19,667,672	\$38,502	\$0	\$0	\$21,598	\$0	\$19,727,772	\$60,100	0.31%
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (14)	\$18,131,168	\$0	-\$187,562	\$319,109	\$3,799	\$48,905	\$18,315,419	\$135,346	0.75%
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board (15)	\$13,904,492	\$0	-\$286,706	\$244,719	\$0	\$0	\$13,862,505	-\$41,987	-0.30%
16	York Region District School Board (16)	\$34,946,105	\$316,720	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$42,000	\$35,304,825	\$316,720	0.91%
17	Simcoe County District School Board (17)	\$18,555,486	\$0	-\$32,368	\$253,466	\$14,314	\$0	\$18,790,898	\$235,412	1.27%
18	Upper Grand District School Board (18)	\$14,986,341	\$0	-\$45,038	\$263,760	\$31,459	\$261,595	\$15,498,116	\$250,180	1.67%
19	Peel District School Board (19)	\$38,407,247	\$211,890	\$0	\$675,968	\$0	\$311,127	\$39,606,231	\$887,857	2.31%
20	Halton District School Board (20)	\$12,889,639	\$249,372	\$0	\$226,858	\$0	\$153,570	\$13,519,438	\$476,229	3.69%
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (21)	\$13,290,494	\$0	-\$36,990	\$175,302	\$0	\$257,535	\$13,686,341	\$138,312	1.04%
22	District School Board of Niagara (22)	\$15,569,535	\$0	-\$273,479	\$274,024	\$0	\$0	\$15,570,080	\$545	0.00%
23	Grand Erie District School Board (23)	\$11,470,226	\$0	-\$49,901	\$0	\$0	\$273,749	\$11,694,074	-\$49,901	-0.44%
24	Waterloo Region District School Board (24)	\$14,437,349	\$63,080	\$0	\$254,097	\$8,518	\$309,703	\$15,072,747	\$325,695	2.26%
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (25)	\$27,751,201	\$0	-\$83,963	\$488,421	\$0	\$5,958,643	\$34,114,302	\$404,458	1.46%
26	Upper Canada District School Board (26)	\$23,295,043	\$0	-\$90,832	\$409,993	\$0	\$0	\$23,614,204	\$319,161	1.37%
27	Limestone District School Board (27)	\$14,240,997	\$0	-\$172,799	\$250,642	\$0	\$67,344	\$14,386,183	\$77,842	0.55%
28	Renfrew County District School Board (28)	\$7,446,596	\$0	-\$92,793	\$131,060	\$5,607	\$0	\$7,490,470	\$43,874	0.59%
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board (29)	\$13,752,209	\$0	-\$197,731	\$0	\$0	\$119,256	\$13,673,734	-\$197,731	-1.44%
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board (30A)	\$2,676,117	\$0	-\$29,206	\$41,689	\$0	\$0	\$2,688,601	\$12,484	0.47%
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (30B)	\$3,439,639	\$0	-\$31,103	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,408,536	-\$31,103	-0.90%
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (31)	\$3,311,797	\$0	-\$52,024	\$58,288	\$0	\$0	\$3,318,061	\$6,264	0.19%
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board (32)	\$5,353,886	\$0	-\$27,916	\$94,228	\$0	\$0	\$5,420,198	\$66,312	1.24%
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board (33A)	\$1,122,438	\$27,746	\$0	\$19,755	\$0	\$0	\$1,169,939	\$47,501	4.23%
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board (33B)	\$998,611	\$2,581	\$0	\$17,576	\$0	\$0	\$1,018,768	\$20,157	2.02%
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board (34A)	\$5,040,695	\$0	-\$40,291	\$85,723	\$0	\$0	\$5,086,127	\$45,432	0.90%
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board (34B)	\$446,932	\$8,075	\$0	\$7,866	\$0	\$0	\$462,873	\$15,941	3.57%

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35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board (35)	\$3,450,536	\$23,580	\$0	\$60,729	\$4,783	\$0	\$3,539,628	\$89,092	2.58%
36	Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (36)	\$4,774,447	\$0	-\$54,247	\$84,030	\$0	\$59,848	\$4,864,079	\$29,784	0.62%
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (37)	\$7,884,842	\$0	-\$119,829	\$0	\$12,605	\$0	\$7,777,618	-\$107,224	-1.36%
38	English-language Separate District School Board No. 38 (38)	\$11,619,792	\$0	-\$189,316	\$0	\$101,917	\$16,350	\$11,548,744	-\$87,398	-0.75%
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board (39)	\$5,902,940	\$0	-\$77,729	\$91,944	\$0	\$100,000	\$6,017,155	\$14,215	0.24%
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board (40)	\$22,431,309	\$0	-\$9,477	\$394,791	\$0	\$0	\$22,816,623	\$385,314	1.72%
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland & Clarington Catholic DSB (41)	\$9,667,193	\$0	-\$10,312	\$7,973	\$1,545	\$0	\$9,666,400	-\$793	-0.01%
42	York Catholic District School Board (42)	\$16,262,589	\$0	-\$20,165	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,242,424	-\$20,165	-0.12%
43	Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board (43)	\$19,724,484	\$0	-\$46,458	\$0	\$175	\$169,168	\$19,847,369	-\$46,283	-0.23%
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (44)	\$12,298,126	\$0	-\$166,518	\$0	\$7,290	\$0	\$12,138,898	-\$159,228	-1.29%
45	Durham Catholic District School Board (45)	\$8,291,334	\$0	-\$64,575	\$145,927	\$0	\$0	\$8,372,686	\$81,352	0.98%
46	Haltom Catholic District School Board (46)	\$5,974,535	\$0	-\$25,387	\$105,152	\$0	\$33,800	\$6,088,100	\$79,765	1.34%
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (47)	\$6,794,879	\$0	-\$10,098	\$18,303	\$0	\$90,900	\$6,893,984	\$8,205	0.12%
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board (48)	\$3,838,400	\$0	-\$40,497	\$64,448	\$2,427	\$0	\$3,864,777	\$26,377	0.69%
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board (49)	\$6,381,337	\$0	-\$36,677	\$0	\$8,494	\$16,000	\$6,369,154	-\$28,183	-0.44%
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board (50)	\$10,464,647	\$0	-\$116,721	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,347,926	-\$116,721	-1.12%
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (51)	\$4,928,806	\$0	-\$45,745	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,883,061	-\$45,745	-0.93%
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (52)	\$12,666,133	\$0	-\$190,653	\$222,924	\$0	\$0	\$12,698,403	\$32,270	0.25%
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board (53)	\$22,378,706	\$0	-\$35,847	\$393,865	\$0	\$0	\$22,736,724	\$358,018	1.60%
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (54)	\$3,934,122	\$10,133	\$0	\$69,241	\$360	\$0	\$4,013,856	\$79,734	2.03%
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (55)	\$9,337,682	\$0	-\$33,948	\$164,343	\$0	\$38,842	\$9,506,920	\$130,396	1.40%
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (56)	\$1,587,516	\$30,195	\$0	\$27,940	\$0	\$0	\$1,645,651	\$58,135	3.66%
57	Conseil scolaire de district du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (57)	\$2,172,366	\$0	-\$7,688	\$38,234	\$0	\$0	\$2,202,912	\$30,546	1.41%
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde (58)	\$13,663,534	\$435,957	\$0	\$0	\$367	\$0	\$14,099,858	\$436,324	3.19%
59	Conseil scolaire de district des écoles publiques de langue française n°. 59 (59)	\$10,788,526	\$440,913	\$0	\$189,878	\$0	\$0	\$11,419,317	\$630,791	5.85%
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières (60A)	\$6,048,837	\$0	-\$57,077	\$106,460	\$0	\$0	\$6,098,220	\$49,383	0.82%
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord (60B)	\$3,322,416	\$0	-\$14,975	\$55,499	\$0	\$0	\$3,362,940	\$40,524	1.22%
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (61)	\$6,198,635	\$0	-\$28,219	\$55,847	\$0	\$0	\$6,226,263	\$27,628	0.45%
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales (62)	\$739,079	\$22,741	\$0	\$13,008	\$0	\$0	\$774,828	\$35,749	4.84%
63	Conseil scolaire de district des écoles catholiques du Sud-Ouest (63)	\$7,298,753	\$24,551	\$0	\$0	\$2,632	\$0	\$7,325,937	\$27,184	0.37%
64	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (64)	\$19,666,332	\$945,224	\$0	\$346,127	\$163	\$0	\$20,957,846	\$1,291,514	6.57%
65	Conseil de district catholique de l'est Ontarien (65)	\$10,562,905	\$0	-\$6,301	\$185,907	\$0	\$0	\$10,742,511	\$179,606	1.70%
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario (66)	\$14,369,631	\$501,583	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,581,968	\$16,453,182	\$501,583	3.49%
	Total	\$819,205,316	\$3,405,609	-\$4,524,859	\$9,908,062	\$315,801	\$10,450,823	\$838,840,753	\$9,184,614	1.12%

Notes:

1) 2012-13 Base Allocation excludes projected expenditures for provincial schools transportation (\$10.5M)

2) Provincial School Transportation Amount includes an estimated expenditure amount for two lead boards Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario and Ottawa-Carleton District School Board; and the other school boards that have the responsibilities to plan and deliver provincial school transportation

3) Projected 2013-14 Allocation excludes \$21.9M unallocated funding

4) In the case of Lakehead DSB, the projected 2013-14 allocation includes \$80,000 school authority transportation funding.

Request for a Follow-Up Review

Name of Consortium: _____

Approval received from governance body _____ (please check)

Updated Checklist Attached: _____ (Please check)

Preferred Date in 2013-14 School Year: _____

Consortium Manager

Date

Return completed form to Nathania Ho at nathania.ho@ontario.ca