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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

**FROM:** Kevin Kobus  
Assistant Deputy Minister

**DATE:** August 17, 2004

**SUBJECT:** **Education Funding: Learning Opportunities Grant**

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In May 2004, I wrote you with details on the education funding regulations for the 2004-05 school year. At that time, I noted that some of the funding enhancements had not yet been allocated to school boards and that the Ministry would be moving to flow the funding as quickly as possible for 2004-05. I am now writing to provide details of the \$65 million funding increase for the Learning Opportunities Grant and the projected board by board allocations.

This investment supports key government priorities to support students who need help to improve achievement, and close the "achievement gap" between the strongest and weakest students.

### **LOG Funding for 2004-05**

The government has amended the funding regulations for 2004-05 to increase funding for the Demographic component of LOG by \$65 million in the 2004-05 school year. Each board's projected allocation is listed in an appendix to this memorandum.

The distribution method ensures that all school boards will be eligible for the funding. The funding will allow school boards to put in place a wide range of supports and programs for students who come from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds to improve the educational achievement of these students.

The new \$65 million funding will be allocated to school boards by increasing the \$95 million enhancement to the Demographic component introduced in December 2003. Distribution of funds is based on 1996 census data using the same socio-economic factors (recent immigration, low-income cut-off, lone parent status, and parental education) used to allocate the \$95 million enhancement. With this additional funding, the projected LOG grant will increase to over half a billion dollars for the 2004-05 school year.

## Reporting Requirements for the Increased LOG Funding

As part of the government's ongoing commitment to increase transparency, school boards will be required to report publicly on their use of this increased funding. The reporting initiative will also facilitate and improve publicly available information enabling board by board comparisons of programs, and student achievement.

School boards will submit an initial plan, using the form appended to this memorandum, to the Ministry by **October 15, 2004** detailing how increased LOG funding will be used to improve supports and programs for disadvantaged students in the 2004-05 school year. The 2004-05 plan must include details regarding the board's share of both the current \$65 million and earlier \$95 million enhancements. Boards can build on the report submitted at the end of the 2003-04 school year for the \$95 million enhancement to complete the 2004-05 plan. The distribution of the enhanced LOG funding (\$95M + \$65M) to school boards is contingent on the Ministry receiving the board's initial plan on the prescribed form by the due date.

The plan consists of two parts. The first part is intended to provide details regarding the types of programs and services boards will provide while the second part should be used to provide expenditure details.

School boards will also be required to submit a final report (in the same format) at the end of the school year (by **June 30, 2005**) confirming how the increased funding was used. This final report also contains a section for boards to report on the impact of programs and services that were provided on student achievement, using data available to the board at the time of completing the report.

School boards will be able to avail themselves of the assistance of staff from the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat in completing the required reporting forms.

In addition to filing a copy of the reports with the Ministry at [log@edu.gov.on.ca](mailto:log@edu.gov.on.ca), boards are required to forward a copy of the report to their School Councils, and place a copy on the board website. In their public report boards can be more descriptive but, at a minimum, must include the report completed on the attached Ministry form.

## Future Measures to Improve Reporting

In the Fall, the Ministry intends to review ways to improve reporting in the use of all education funding. Specifically the review will address ways to:

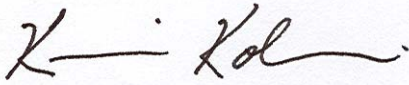
- increase transparency on boards' utilization of education funding so that both the government and the public can more easily see how resources are used;
- improve meaningfulness of reports, focusing on programs and services rather than simply reporting on expenditures;
- encourage efficiencies; and
- measure and report outcomes.

I will provide further details of this initiative as they become available.

### **Additional Information**

Questions regarding the allocation of the LOG increase should be directed to Peter Gooch at (416) 325-2828 (e-mail at [peter.gooch@edu.gov.on.ca](mailto:peter.gooch@edu.gov.on.ca)).

Questions regarding reporting requirements for the LOG increase should be directed to Wayne Burtnyk at (416) 325-2034 (e-mail at [wayne.burtnyk@edu.gov.on.ca](mailto:wayne.burtnyk@edu.gov.on.ca)).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kobus", is centered on a light blue rectangular background.

Kevin Kobus  
Assistant Deputy Minister

c. Superintendents of Business and Finance

## BOARD BY BOARD DISTRIBUTION OF \$65M LOG ENHANCEMENT FOR 2004-05

DSB No	DSB Name	Allocation
1	DSB Ontario North East	58,517
2	Algoma DSB	229,953
3	Rainbow DSB	147,224
4	Near North DSB	157,811
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia DSB	11,881
5.2	Rainy River DSB	16,058
6.1	Lakehead DSB	91,071
6.2	Superior-Greenstone DSB	10,293
7	Bluewater DSB	254,145
8	Avon Maitland DSB	90,402
9	Greater Essex County DSB	861,101
10	Lambton Kent DSB	160,505
11	Thames Valley DSB	1,296,582
12	Toronto DSB	27,020,056
13	Durham DSB	435,414
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB	279,854
15	Trillium Lakelands DSB	150,489
16	York Region DSB	2,720,806
17	Simcoe County DSB	224,452
18	Upper Grand DSB	206,828
19	Peel DSB	4,453,907
20	Halton DSB	98,007
21	Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	1,999,623
22	DSB of Niagara	499,891
23	Grand Erie DSB	240,770
24	Waterloo Region DSB	932,793
25	Ottawa-Carleton DSB	2,738,693
26	Upper Canada DSB	250,177
27	Limestone DSB	206,970
28	Renfrew County DSB	61,410
29	Hastings and Prince Edward DSB	330,461
30.1	Northeastern Catholic DSB	22,262
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB	33,614
31	Huron-Superior Catholic DSB	78,677
32	Sudbury Catholic DSB	62,433
33.1	Northwest Catholic DSB	602
33.2	Kenora Catholic DSB	12,959
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic DSB	29,826
34.2	Superior North Catholic DSB	4,767
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB	15,371
36	Huron-Perth Catholic DSB	11,309

## BOARD BY BOARD DISTRIBUTION OF \$65M LOG ENHANCEMENT FOR 2004-05

DSB No	DSB Name	Allocation
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB	504,510
38	London District Catholic School Board	234,374
39	St. Clair Catholic DSB	48,343
40	Toronto Catholic DSB	8,894,418
41	Peterborough V N C Catholic DSB	42,043
42	York Catholic DSB	1,080,782
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB	3,086,353
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB	42,545
45	Durham Catholic DSB	97,723
46	Halton Catholic DSB	72,550
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB	647,926
48	Wellington Catholic DSB	64,918
49	Waterloo Catholic DSB	242,127
50	Niagara Catholic DSB	180,695
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic DSB	55,659
52	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario	99,150
53	Ottawa-Carleton Catholic DSB	1,155,362
54	Renfrew County Catholic DSB	25,388
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB	71,605
56	CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	11,448
57	CSD du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	10,542
58	CSD du Centre Sud-Ouest	249,236
59	CSD des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	322,556
60.1	CSD catholique des Grandes Rivières	230,695
60.2	CSD catholique Franco-Nord	36,047
61	CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	68,171
62	CSD catholique des Aurores boréales	3,249
63	CSD des écoles catholiques du Sud-Ouest	55,397
64	CSD catholique Centre-Sud	259,563
65	CSD catholique de l'Est ontarien	114,150
66	CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	484,512
	<b>Provincial Totals</b>	<b>65,000,001</b>

# Final Report for 2004-05 Report on Learning Opportunity Programs

Board Name

Board Number

## Report for programs related to the enhanced LOG funding provided in December 2003 (\$95M) and in 2004-05 (\$65M)

(Report final 2004-05 expenditures that are related to learning opportunities programs implemented by school boards as a result of the enhanced funding announced in December 2003 (\$95M) and in 2004-05 (\$65M).

The expenditures reported on this schedule are exclusive of expenditures reported for Special Education, ESL or other LOG programs).

Program Name	Program 1	Program 2	Program 3	Program 4	Program 5	Program 6	Program 7	Program 8	Program 9	Program 10	Program 11	Program 12	Program 13	Program 14	Total
Number of schools delivering programs															0
Enrolment in the program during the year															0
<b>Program staffing (report incremental staffing only):</b>															
FTE classroom teachers															0
FTE educational assistants															0
FTE of other staff (specify):															0
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<b>Expenditures:</b>															
<b>School based</b>															
Classroom teachers															0
Educational assistants															0
Professional and paraprofessional															0
Classroom supplies and equipment															0
Classroom computers															0
Other school based (specify):															0
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<b>Board based:</b>															
Coordinators and consultants															0
Staff development															0
Other board based (specify):															0
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<b>Total board based</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cost Recovery</b>															0
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Board's Share of \$160M Allocation</b>															<input type="text"/>

## Student Achievement

Using available information, provide an assessment of the improvements in student achievement for the students for whom programs and services were provided.

This final report is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2005 to: [log@edu.gov.on.ca](mailto:log@edu.gov.on.ca)

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**Plan for 2004-05**  
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