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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

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SUBJECT: In-year amendments to education funding
regulations for 2009-10 to 2011-12

I am writing to inform you of in-year amendments to the education funding regulations that have been made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. These amendments make changes to the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding regulations for the 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 school years.

These amendments update (1) capital funding, (2) capital funding for the Full-Day Kindergarten Program (FDK), and (3) transportation funding for school boards. The amendments also make a number of corrections and updates to the regulations.

1. Capital funding

Temporary Accommodations

Amendments to *Table 19 – Temporary Pupil Accommodations* in the 2011-12 regulations and to the corresponding *Table 18* in the 2010-11 regulations update the Temporary Pupil Accommodations allocations. This update reflects the information provided by boards on their historical use of temporary pupil accommodations.

2011 Capital Priorities Grant

Amendments to *Table 27.1 – Entitlement for Capital Priorities Projects* in the 2011-12 regulations update the allocations for the construction of capital priority projects to address some of the most urgent and pressing capital needs in the sector for the next three years. The amendments will enable school boards to begin planning and construction of approved capital priorities projects in the summer of 2012. Some of these projects will be completed in conjunction with Full-day Kindergarten funded projects.

2010 Capital Priorities

Amendments to *Table 27 – Entitlement for Consolidated Capital Programs* in the 2010-11 regulations update the allocations for additional capital funding provided as top-ups to previously funded capital projects to ensure timely project completion. In addition, technical amendments to *Table 27* were made to remove the Green Schools Pilot Initiative funding from the table as this funding has already been flowed to the boards.

Primary Class Size Reduction

Amendments to *Table 19.1 – Primary Class Size Reduction* in the 2009-10 regulations update the Primary Class Size Reduction allocations. These updates reflect the information provided by boards on their historical use of Primary Class Size Reduction funding.

2. FDK capital funding

Amendments to *Table 28 – Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Accommodation Maximum Amount* in the 2011-12 regulations reflect FDK funding provided for new schools and additions under the Capital Priorities Funding Program and Year 4 FDK approvals. This update will enable school boards to begin construction in the 2011-12 school year of required FDK spaces for the 2013-14 school year.

3. Transportation funding

Efficiency Adjustments

Amendments to *Table 16 – Route Efficiency Factor* in the 2011-12 regulations reflect the policy of exempting boards from a 1 percent funding reduction when the high routing and efficiency rating has been achieved.

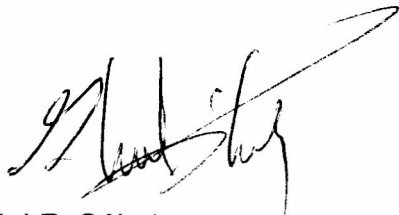
Amendments to *Table 11.1 – Transportation Allocation* in the 2010-11 regulations update the funding adjustments for consortia that have been reviewed as part of the effectiveness and efficiency reviews under student transportation reform.

Full-Day Kindergarten Student Transportation Amount

A new table has been added to the 2011-12 regulations for the Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Student Transportation Amount. This table reflects funding adjustments for the 2011-12 school year to support Full Day Kindergarten transportation, based on funding submissions from school boards.

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