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

FROM: Gabriel F. Sékaly
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SUBJECT: Education funding regulations for 2012-13

I am writing to inform you that the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) regulations for 2012-13 have been made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. These regulations implement the funding investments, structural reforms, and other changes described in the memoranda **2012: B5 – Education Funding for 2012-13**, **2012: B9 – Implementing Ontario's Balanced Budget Plan**, and **2012: B11 – Implementing the 2012-13 Grants for Student Needs**.

Through the GSN regulations, the government is allocating a projected total of almost \$21B for elementary and secondary education in the 2012-13 school year.

The new funding regulations are:

- (1) *Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2012-13 School Board Fiscal Year*;
- (2) *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2012-13 School Board Fiscal Year*; and
- (3) *Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2012-13 School Board Fiscal Year*.

All of the above regulations may be accessed through the Ministry's public website, www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/funding.html.

The implementation of the province's GSN funding commitments has also required technical amendments to the 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 GSN and related regulations.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council has also made the following changes to regulations:

- (1) *O. Reg. 399/00 – Class Size* has been revoked and replaced with a new class size regulation that sets the maximum average class sizes for students from kindergarten to Grade 12. They include:
 - a board average of 26 students per two instructors for full-day kindergarten

- a cap of 23 students for junior kindergarten (in schools where FDK has not yet been rolled out) through to Grade 3, with 90 per cent of classes at 20 or fewer students
- a board average of 24.5 students for Grades 4 to 8, with differences for some boards consistent with previous commitments to class size reductions
- a board average of 22 students for Grades 9 to 12.

As with other regulatory requirements, cash flow and other penalties are available to the Ministry in the event that boards are found in breach of these regulations.

- (2) Amendments to *O. Reg. 224/10 – Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten* have also been made to align the possible dates for determining whether the number of pupils requires the appointment of an early childhood educator (ECE) with the possible dates for determining class size in the proposed new class size regulation.
- (3) *O. Reg. 488/10 – Determination of Boards' Surpluses and Deficits* has been amended to implement measures relating to retirement gratuities.

If you require further information about the GSN regulations and school board funding in 2012-13, please contact:

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