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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

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SUBJECT: **In-year amendments to education funding regulations for 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.**

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 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years and are effective immediately.

These amendments primarily affect:

- Consolidated Capital, Capital Priorities Grants, Capital Priority Land Purchases, School Condition Improvement and Temporary Accommodations (2010-11, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15)
- Full Day Kindergarten Capital Funding (2014-15)
- Transportation Allocation (2013-14)
- Primary Class Size reporting requirements (2014-15)
- List of Rural Schools in Table 28 (2014-15)
- Grants to Isolate Boards (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15)

In addition, there are other minor technical amendments that correct language in the existing regulations to ensure the regulations are fully up to date with the existing policy direction.

Consolidated Capital, Capital Priorities Grant, Capital Priority Land Purchases School Condition Improvement, and Temporary Accommodations :

Amendments to the 2010-11 GSN, 2012-13 GSN, 2013-14 GSN and 2014-15 GSN, regulations update Table 27, Table 25.2, Table 25.3, Section 55

Table 27.0.1, Table 27.1, Subsection 58 (1), Table 18 and Table 25 respectively, to reflect previously communicated capital funding approvals.

These amendments reflect previous funding approvals and will enable school boards to begin planning and construction of approved capital priorities projects, including building or purchasing schools, building additions, undertaking major retrofits/renovations to existing schools, and/or purchasing land.

Full Day Kindergarten Capital Funding

An amendment to the 2014-15 GSN regulation updates FDK capital funding provided under section 58 and Table 26 – *Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten First Time Equipping Amount, and Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Accommodation Maximum Amount*. These updates reflect FDK funding provided for new classrooms, additions and first-time equipping under the Full-Day Kindergarten Program.

Transportation

An amendment to the 2013-14 GSN regulation updates section 43 (1) *Education Act*. This technical amendment to the student transportation allocation reflects funding adjustments for the resetting of transportation baselines for school boards that have been reviewed as part of the effectiveness and efficiency follow-up review under Student Transportation Reforms. The amendment also introduces a new Table 14.1.

Primary Class Size Reporting Requirements

This amendment to the 2014-15 GSN regulation is a technical amendment to section 16 (Pupil foundation allocation) to reduce the reporting requirements for school boards by removing the first reporting requirement (June 30th) that boards submit on class sizes in elementary schools. This amendment is consistent with the 2014: SB10 memo, “2014-15 Primary Class Size Plan”, issued on April 30, 2014. Boards are still required to submit their board report class size results no later than October 31st, as in previous years.

Additional Rural Schools

This technical amendment to the 2014-15 GSN regulation adds four rural schools to Table 28.

Grants to Isolate Boards

Technical amendments to the 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 GSN regulations to align the formula for the tax revenue calculation of an isolate board with the formula for the tax revenue calculation of a district school board.

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