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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 and 2013-14 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, and 2013-14 school years and are effective immediately.

These amendments affect:

- Consolidated Capital, Capital Priorities Grants and Capital Priority Land Purchases (2010-11,11-12, and 12-13)
- Full Day Kindergarten, First Time Equipping Amount and Maximum Allocations (2013-14)
- Supply Teacher Adjustment (2012-13)
- Operating Revenue (Section 12. 1, 2012-13)
- Transportation Allocation (Section 43.1 (8.6), 2012-13)

Consolidated Capital, Capital Priorities Grant and Land Funding Approvals:

The following GSN regulations have been amended: 2010-11 - table 27, 2011-12 - tables 27.1 and 27.2, and 2012-13 - tables 25.2 and 25.3. These updates reflect additional capital allocations to school boards.

These funding approvals will enable school boards to begin planning and construction of approved capital priorities projects in 2013-14. These projects include building or purchasing schools, building additions, or undertaking major retrofits to existing schools.

These updates address some of the most urgent and pressing capital needs in the sector for the next two years (e.g., accommodation pressures and needs resulting from facility condition and/or facility utilization) and include projects that can be completed in conjunction with Full-Day Kindergarten projects and support for under-served Frenchlanguage rights-holders.

Full Day Kindergarten Capital Funding

An amendment to the 2013-14 GSN regulation updates FOK capital funding provided under tables 25 and 26 - Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten First Time Equipping Amount, and Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Accommodation Maximum Amount. These updates reflect FOK funding provided for new schools and additions under the Capital Priority Grant Program as well as minor updates to Year 4 and Year 5 FOK allocations.

Supply Teacher Adjustment

An amendment to the 2012-13 GSN regulation updates Table 30 to correct the value for three boards which were sorted incorrectly.

School Board Operating Revenues

An amendment to the 2012-13 GSN regulation updates section 12 of the *Education Act*. This technical amendment prevents one-time funding for benefits enhancements to be included in the operating revenues.

Transportation

An amendment to the 2012-13 GSN regulation updates section 43.1 (8.6) *Education Act.* This technical amendment to Table 15.1 reflects funding adjustments for resetting of transportation baseline for consortia that have been reviewed as part of the effectiveness and efficiency follow-up review under Student Transportation Reforms.

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