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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 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years**

I am writing to inform you of in-year amendments to 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, 2014-15, and 2015-16 school years and are effective immediately.

These amendments primarily effect:

- Entitlement for Consolidated Capital, Capital Priority Grants, Capital Priority Land, Full Day Kindergarten Grants, Child Care Capital, and Software Licensing Fees.

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.

Amendments

1. O. Reg. 196/10, "Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2010-11 School Board Fiscal Year" under the Education Act
 - GSN 2010-11 – Table 27 (Entitlement for Consolidated Capital)

2. O. Reg. 160/11, Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2011-12 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
 - GSN 2011-12 Table 27.1 (Capital Priorities Grants)
3. O. Reg. 136/12, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2012-13 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
 - GSN 2012-13 – Table 25.2 (Capital Priorities Grants)
 - GSN 2012-13 – Table 25.3 (Capital Priorities Land)
4. O. Reg. 120/13, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2013-14 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
 - GSN 2013-14 – Table 27.0.1 (Capital Priorities Grants)
 - GSN 2013-14 – Table 27.1 (Capital Priorities Land)
5. O. Reg. 76/14, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2014-15 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
 - GSN 2014-15 – Table 25.2 (Capital Priorities Grants)
 - GSN 2014-15 – Table 25.3 (Capital Priorities Land)
6. O. Reg. 195/15, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2015-16 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
 - GSN 2015-16 – Table 31 (Full Day Kindergarten Grants)
 - GSN 2015-16 – Table 30.1 (New Capital Priorities Grants)
 - GSN 2015-16 – Table 30.3 (New Child Care Capital Grants)
 - GSN 2015-16 – Table 30.2 (New Land Table)
 - GSN 2015-16 – Table 21 (Software Licensing)
 - Section 32. First Nation, Métis and Inuit education supplemental allocation 32. (1), paragraph c., and section 32, 4. (4.1) and (4.2).
 - Section 57.1, New Child Care Capital Language

Entitlement for Consolidated Capital, Capital Priority Grants and Capital Priority Land

Entitlement for Consolidated Capital, Capital Priority Grants (CPG/SCC) and Capital Priority Land funding updates reflect newly approved capital priority, school consolidation capital and capital land funding projects. These amendments reflect previous funding approvals and will enable school boards to begin planning and construction of approved school consolidation 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

An amendment to the 2015-16 GSN regulation updates FDK capital funding provided under *Table 31 – Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Accommodation Maximum Amount*. This update reflects FDK funding provided for new classrooms and additions under the Full-Day Kindergarten Program.

New Child Care Capital

In April 2015, the Government announced a new investment of \$120 million over three years to support new construction of child care spaces in schools. This investment in major capital costs for child care in schools will support better access to licensed child care and creates a comprehensive policy approach for child care that aligns with capital policies for schools and address the current gap in child care capital policy and address concerns heard from school boards and Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) regarding the need to create new spaces where retrofit projects are not possible but demand for child care remains high. These amendments include new funding for each approved project under 2015: B11 memoranda, "Capital Funding for New Construction of Child Care" released on May 26, 2015. These amendments ensure that the 2015-16 GSN funding regulation fully reflects the new funding allocations by projects and includes the expected number of child care rooms and spaces to be achieved.

First Nation, Métis and Inuit Language Updates

These updates to language to reflect policy and program updates to change all references to "Native Studies" to "First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies" as applicable across the GSN.

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