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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
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SUBJECT: In-year amendments to education funding regulations
for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, and O.
Reg. 357/06

We are 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 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years (O. Reg. 215/16, O. Reg. 252/17, and O. Reg. 284/18). In addition, amendments to O. Reg. 357/06, Honoraria for Board Members, have been made by the Minister of Education.

These amendments implement:

- the updates to the GSN in 2018-19, as announced on August 24, 2018, through 2018: B14;

- the updates to trustee honoraria for the term of office beginning on December 1, 2018;
- entitlement for capital projects including Capital Priorities, Land Priorities, Community Hub Replacement, Child Care, and EarlyON Child and Family Centres (2017-18); and
- an updated Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (2016-17).

In addition, as with every year, there are technical and other amendments to existing regulations (O. Reg. 284/18, 252/17 and 215/16) that are required to clarify existing policy and update information received from school boards.

Amendments to the 2018-19 Grants for Student Needs Regulation (as previously announced)

- Special Education Per-Pupil Amount allocation benchmark increases.
- The Special Incidence Portion maximum claim amount has been adjusted to \$27,405.
- New Teacher Induction Program benchmark has been revised to \$1,296.07.
- Under the Trustees Allocation, the base amount for district school board trustees will remain at \$5,900.
- The Senior Administration Function benchmark has been revised to \$167,912.27, to suspend the executive compensation increases for 2018-19. This updated benchmark also impacts other grants that use the same benchmark as part of their calculations.
- The expansion of the cash management strategy to apply to Proceeds of Disposition balances.

Updates to Trustee Honoraria

The amendments to O. Reg. 357/06, Honoraria for Board Members under the *Education Act*, implement the updates to trustee honoraria communicated through the August 24, 2018, B-memo for the term of office beginning on December 1, 2018. The regulation has been amended to maintain the honoraria base amount limit of \$5,900 for district school boards trustees. In addition, honoraria funding announced in the 2018-19 Section 68 SB Memo will not be provided to trustees of hospital-based school authorities established under Section 68 of the *Education Act*.

Amendments to the 2017-18 Grants for Student Needs Regulation

Sections 58, 59, 60.1 and 62 have been updated to reflect previously communicated capital funding approvals. These amendments reflect previous funding approvals and will enable school boards to commence approved capital projects, including constructing or purchasing schools, constructing additions, undertaking major renovations to existing schools, and/or purchasing land.

Amendments to the 2016-17 Grants for Student Needs Regulation

Table 3, Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount, has been updated to reflect the final enrolment count for the 2016-17 school year.

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