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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

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FROM: Didem Proulx

Assistant Deputy Minister

Capital and Business Support Division

DATE: January 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Student Transportation Review

On March 15, 2019, the government announced its intention to undertake a review of the student transportation funding formula. I am writing to provide you with additional details.

The scope of the review has been broadened and will now include the following:

- 1. Funding formula for student transportation
- 2. Consortia model and operations
- Student transportation procurement

The review will include an engagement with student transportation stakeholders, which will be led by the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, Sam Oosterhoff. As part of this engagement, the ministry is establishing a Student Transportation Advisory Group, to provide feedback on matters related to student transportation funding, operations and delivery.

The ministry invited representatives from the following organizations to participate in the Student Transportation Advisory Group:

- Ontario Public School Boards' Association
- Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association
- Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l'Ontario
- Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques
- Council of Ontario Directors of Education
- Council of Senior Business Officials
- Ontario Association of School Business Officials Transportation Committee
- Independent School Bus Operators Association
- Ontario School Bus Association

Meetings with the Student Transportation Advisory Group will commence this month with a focus on transportation funding. It is expected that the advisory group will also provide input on other topics, including consortia model and operations and student transportation procurement, in meetings to follow in spring/summer 2020.

Your support and participation in this engagement is greatly appreciated as we work toward the government's goal of achieving a more efficient and accountable student transportation system in Ontario.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nathania Ho, Manager (A), Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit, School Board Business Support Branch at (416) 326-1867 or nathania.ho@ontario.ca.

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