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**Memorandum to:** Directors of Education

**From:** Nancy Naylor  
Deputy Minister of Education

**Subject** **Student Transportation Funding Support for Enhanced  
Cleaning and PPE for drivers**

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We would like to recognize the extensive work that has been underway by all school boards, transportation consortia, and school bus operators as they prepare for schools reopening in September.

This memo is intended to provide guidance on the allocation of the \$40M funding for enhanced cleaning protocols in student transportation that was announced in July 2020. This funding is intended to purchase cleaning and disinfecting supplies, provide additional labour for enhanced cleaning protocols, and supply personal protective equipment (PPE) for drivers to address health and safety measures for student transportation.

The government is actively and directly supporting the school boards, transportation consortia and the student transportation delivery system in securing the supply of PPE and cleaning products through the centralized supply chain initiative lead by the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS). The face shields and medical/procedural masks for bus drivers, as well as cleaning supplies to clean and disinfect school busses are being shipped to school boards based on the volumes ordered by school boards to ensure that the system is ready for a safe restart in September. MGCS will continue to supply PPE and cleaning supplies to the system throughout the school year. Until the cost recovery mechanism is determined, the government will set aside \$20M of the \$40M investment, for the costs associated with the PPE and cleaning supplies being provided to the system.

The remaining \$20 million in funding will be allocated to school boards immediately, through the Priority and Partnerships Fund, proportional to school boards' 2020-21 Transportation Grant

allocation. (see Appendix A for board-by-board details). This is to ensure that school boards and the transportation consortia have the resources needed to address pressures that may emerge.

### **Eligible Expenses**

Eligible expenses include:

- Potential pressures/incremental costs associated with:
  - running routes at less than full capacity to allow for physical distancing; and
  - noon-hour or other new bus runs to allow for programmatic choices at the secondary panel to allow for appropriate cohorting.
- Additional staffing and/or overtime related to enhanced cleaning on school purpose vehicles
- Equipment (e.g., spray guns, hand sanitizing stations) and auxiliary supplies that would support effective enhanced cleaning protocols (means of applying the cleaning products that are being supplied by MGCS to be applied in an efficient manner)
- Additional costs associated with specific cleaning and disinfection products or PPE for use on school purpose vehicles that is not being supplied by MGCS.

Eligible expenses under this program would be expenses incurred between August 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

As decisions for transportation remain with school boards and transportation consortia who enter into contractual arrangements with local school bus operators, the ministry encourages school boards and transportation consortia to consider the purchases already made through MGCS for transportation, as well as any compensation required through existing contracts with their operators under the eligible expenses.

As part of the ministry released guidance for reopening schools on July 30, 2020, the ministry stated that medical masks and eye protection (i.e. face shields) will be provided for school bus drivers, school bus monitors and student aides. It is expected that school bus drivers and drivers of school purpose vehicles will receive this equipment before school start up. These investments will support enhanced cleaning and the health and safety of students and drivers for safe and reliable transportation services as school reopen.

The ministry will continue to work with education partners to assess additional costs associated with enhanced cleaning requirements as the COVID-19 public health emergency evolves.

We look forward to working closely with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Nancy Naylor  
Deputy Minister

Cc: Transportation consortia managers

School Bus Ontario

## Appendix A: Transportation PPE and Cleaning Funding

Board ID	Board Name	Board Allocation (\$)
1	District School Board Ontario North East	159,049
2	Algoma District School Board	177,319
3	Rainbow District School Board	271,702
4	Near North District School Board	229,603
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	100,873
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	63,363
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	130,617
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	31,127
7	Bluewater District School Board	285,100
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	241,307
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	271,234
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	259,939
11	Thames Valley District School Board	929,143
12	Toronto District School Board	1,203,724
13	Durham District School Board	452,216
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	429,084
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	294,705
16	York Region District School Board	837,614
17	Simcoe County District School Board	418,686
18	Upper Grand District School Board	388,601
19	Peel District School Board	923,556
20	Halton District School Board	340,957
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	314,269
22	District School Board of Niagara	397,267
23	Grand Erie District School Board	265,648
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	354,635
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	825,112
26	Upper Canada District School Board	623,861
27	Limestone District School Board	314,731
28	Renfrew County District School Board	166,638
29	Hastings & Prince Edward District School Board	286,207
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	62,652
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Cath District School Board	69,870
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	71,666
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	120,856
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	27,814
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	22,949
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	108,825
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	10,503
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	87,550
36	Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board	109,210
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	178,584

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38	London District Catholic School Board	330,857
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	137,242
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	632,385
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	229,231
42	York Catholic District School Board	359,006
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	402,372
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	254,089
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	171,458
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	181,916
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Cath District School Board	153,168
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	85,974
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	142,547
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	207,214
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	108,574
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	368,005
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	503,868
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	100,659
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	217,891
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	41,887
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	64,246
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	396,563
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	312,803
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	134,627
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	72,874
61	Conseil scolaire district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	136,369
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	19,625
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	200,942
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	557,137
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	224,501
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	393,602