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**MEMORANDUM TO:**

Directors of Education  
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Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

**FROM:**

Andrew Davis  
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**DATE:**

**December , 2020**

**SUBJECT:**

**Amendments to 2020-21 Grants for Student Needs (GSN)  
Regulations and to Previous Year's GSN Regulations**

I am writing to inform you of amendments which have been made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**Grants for Student Needs - Legislative Grants for the 2020-2021 School Board Fiscal Year regulation under the *Education Act*, O. Reg. 489/20**

- As announced in the 2020-21 GSN Transportation Grant, a projected \$1.8M is being provided to support the sector in addressing the Auditor General's recommendations for standardized school bus safety training. O. Reg. 489/20 is being updated so that reimbursement extends to online sessions, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Amended the Special Incidence Portion (SIP) to allocate funding through a temporary formula-based approach rather than the existing claims-based process. For 2020-21 school boards will be allocated the higher of their 2019-20 SIP allocation, or the average of the three prior years. In addition, to help school boards manage the unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19 the ministry is also providing a one-time increase of 5%. This temporary shift to a formula-based allocation is intended to relieve school boards of the administrative work required to complete the SIP claims process.

- Reflects updated Crown contribution and stabilization adjustment funding table amount for the employee life and health trusts based on school boards' full-time equivalency reported in the 2020-21 EFIS estimates forms and the principals and vice-principals 2020-21 funding rates.

**Grants for Student Needs - Legislative Grants for the 2020-2021 School Board Fiscal Year regulation under the *Education Act*, O. Reg. 489/20 and Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) for the 2020-2021 School Board Fiscal Year regulation under the *Education Act*, O. Reg. 491/20**

- Updated the method of calculating enrolment in secondary schools to reflect the use of octomesters and quadesters in scheduling of courses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to minimize the mixing of students and maintaining student cohorts in secondary schools. The amendments are intended to facilitate school board counting of ADE for the 2020-21 school year.

**Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2019-2020 School Board Fiscal Year regulation under the *Education Act*, O. Reg. 277/19**

- Reflects the updated Crown contribution and stabilization adjustment table amount for the principals and vice principals and non-union employees' employee life and health trusts.

**Grants for Student Needs - Legislative Grants for the 2018-2019 School Board Fiscal Year regulation under the *Education Act*, O. Reg. 284/18**

- Updated the Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA) Allocation table funding amounts.

In addition to these amendments, there have also been some minor technical amendments made to these regulations.

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