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MEMORANDUM TO:

Directors of Education
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FROM:

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DATE:

February 8, 2021

SUBJECT:

**Amendments to the Grants for Student Needs (GSN)
Regulations for 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19**

I am writing to inform you of amendments which have been made or approved 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 memo 2020: B22, “2020-21 Grants for Student Needs Funding Stabilization”, the ministry is implementing funding stabilization in regulation, to mitigate the financial impact of the unexpected enrolment decrease in the 2020-21 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure ongoing supports and programming for students. The province is providing one-time funding stabilization for the 2020-21 school board fiscal year only, through the establishment of a 2020-21 GSN funding “floor”. This means that funding to school boards for the 2020-21 school year will be based on the greater of:
 - school board actual funding allocations derived through the GSN funding formula, in aggregate; or

- a GSN funding allocation “floor” based on the lower of:
 - 2020-21 GSN Projections; or
 - 2020-21 School Board Estimates.
- A technical amendment has also been made to update the effective date of the *District School Board and School Authority Tangible Capital Assets: Provincial Accounting Policies and Implementation Guide* that is referenced in the regulation, to reflect changing the estimated useful life of computer hardware from “5 years” to “3 years”.

Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2020-2021 School Board Fiscal Year regulation under the *Education Act*, O. Reg. 490/20

- To complement the suite of changes approved to support the Reciprocal Education Approach (REA) and First Nation students’ access to education, the regulation has been amended to direct school boards to use their Estimates data for the purposes of calculating fees for the 2020-21 school year, which will provide certainty on the fee amount for the entire 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

- Updates to the table amounts for capital priority projects, land priority purchases and childcare capital projects.

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

- Updates to the Capital Planning Capacity table to include the joint-use seed funding for the District School Board of Niagara and Niagara Catholic District School Board.

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

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Sincerely,

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