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**Date:** March 24, 2022

**Memorandum to:** Directors of Education  
Senior Business Officials

**From:** Didem Proulx  
Assistant Deputy Minister of Education  
Capital and Business Support Division

**Subject:** **Safe Indoor Air Top Up to Federal Safe Return to Class Fund**

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We would like to recognize the extensive work that has been undertaken by all school boards to optimize and improve ventilation and filtration in schools.

This memo provides guidance on the allocation of **\$36.2M** in new funding through the federal government's **Safe Indoor Air Top-Up** to the **Safe Return to Class Fund** to support school ventilation during the 2021-22 school year.

Eligible expenses must be incurred between **September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022**.

Associated transfer payment agreements are being provided to your school board today through the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system. Please note that these agreements must be approved by each board by **Wednesday, March 30, 2022** to enable full execution by March 31, 2022.

Eligible expenses recognize the diverse ventilation needs in schools across the province:

- Retrofits, repairs, upgrades and installation of HVAC infrastructure – prioritizing school spaces without mechanical ventilation
- Maintenance and recommissioning of HVAC systems
- Purchase and installation of mechanical ventilation filters
- Purchase of standalone high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter units and filters

These funds are available effective immediately and we are requesting school boards to expedite the use of these funds. Please see Appendix A for your board allocations.

Given the multiple sources of provincial and federal funding available for ventilation-related purposes, a reminder that school boards must ensure that the funds are not used to cover any cost that is being funded through other funding sources.

Thanking you in advance for your help as we roll out this new initiative and we look forward to continuing to work with your school board.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Didem Proulx  
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## Appendix A: Safe Indoor Air Top-Up to the Safe Return to Class Fund Allocations

School board allocations take into consideration the age of the facilities and the type of ventilation in place as identified by each school board.

#	School Board	Allocations
1	DSB Ontario North East	\$ 268,398
2	Algoma DSB	\$ 323,016
3	Rainbow DSB	\$ 510,593
4	Near North DSB	\$ 411,489
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia DSB	\$ 107,495
5.2	Rainy River DSB	\$ 85,994
6.1	Lakehead DSB	\$ 164,466
6.2	Superior-Greenstone DSB	\$ 89,867
7	Bluewater DSB	\$ 266,574
8	Avon Maitland DSB	\$ 237,936
9	Greater Essex County DSB	\$ 604,347
10	Lambton Kent DSB	\$ 747,340
11	Thames Valley DSB	\$ 1,209,330
12	Toronto DSB	\$ 5,823,125
13	Durham DSB	\$ 899,094
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB	\$ 832,483
15	Trillium Lakelands DSB	\$ 509,333
16	York Region DSB	\$ 1,276,193
17	Simcoe County DSB	\$ 499,402
18	Upper Grand DSB	\$ 492,669
19	Peel DSB	\$ 1,892,163
20	Halton DSB	\$ 842,069
21	Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	\$ 793,548
22	DSB of Niagara	\$ 810,095
23	Grand Erie DSB	\$ 827,338
24	Waterloo Region DSB	\$ 1,034,771
25	Ottawa-Carleton DSB	\$ 968,614
26	Upper Canada DSB	\$ 541,141
27	Limestone DSB	\$ 722,400
28	Renfrew County DSB	\$ 187,020
29	Hastings and Prince Edward DSB	\$ 288,292
30	Northeastern Catholic DSB	\$ 178,635
30	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB	\$ 159,333
31	Huron-Superior Catholic DSB	\$ 150,144
32	Sudbury Catholic DSB	\$ 100,504
33	Northwest Catholic DSB	\$ 23,810
33	Kenora Catholic DSB	\$ 23,241
34	Thunder Bay Catholic DSB	\$ 108,950

#	School Board	Allocations
34	Superior North Catholic DSB	\$ 47,476
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB	\$ 68,689
36	Huron Perth Catholic DSB	\$ 114,830
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB	\$ 390,603
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$ 318,080
39	St. Clair Catholic DSB	\$ 166,436
40	Toronto Catholic DSB	\$ 2,043,519
41	Peterborough V N C Catholic DSB	\$ 212,374
42	York Catholic DSB	\$ 542,858
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB	\$ 743,208
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB	\$ 255,485
45	Durham Catholic DSB	\$ 321,391
46	Halton Catholic DSB	\$ 265,281
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB	\$ 410,195
48	Wellington Catholic DSB	\$ 110,092
49	Waterloo Catholic DSB	\$ 276,127
50	Niagara Catholic DSB	\$ 301,302
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic DSB	\$ 223,183
52	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario	\$ 229,413
53	Ottawa Catholic DSB	\$ 723,003
54	Renfrew County Catholic DSB	\$ 238,781
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB	\$ 355,897
56	CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$ 46,696
57	CSD du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$ 114,511
58	CS Viamonde	\$ 431,210
59	CÉP de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$ 272,722
60	CSD catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$ 336,249
60	CSD catholique Franco-Nord	\$ 119,045
61	CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$ 358,433
62	CSD catholique des Aurores boréales	\$ 38,863
63	CS catholique Providence	\$ 131,534
64	CS catholique MonAvenir	\$ 404,356
65	CSD catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$ 302,440
66	CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$ 295,506
	Consortium Centre Jules-Léger	\$ 5,000