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Memorandum To: Chairs of District School Boards
Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

From: Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education

Subject: **Supporting Ukrainian students who have been granted an emergency authorization to enter into or remain in Canada**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with information as a result of Canada granting emergency authorization for Ukrainians to enter into or remain in Canada and the impacts on displaced students and families who are relocated in Ontario.

The federal government has announced the creation of the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET), available for individuals fleeing Ukraine and also announced that nearly 4,000 Ukrainians have been approved to immigrate to Canada to date. The Ministry of Education has acted swiftly to ensure that these students can attend school for free in Ontario, along with targeting enhanced mental health supports, to support Ukrainian students while they face adversity from a war inflicted by the Putin regime. The ministry has amended O. Reg. 20/10 (Fees For Non-Permanent Residents – Exemptions) made under the *Education Act* to temporarily permit persons who have been granted an emergency authorization to enter into or remain in Canada for humanitarian reasons, which includes, but is not limited to, persons who are in Ontario under the CUAET, to attend a publicly funded school in Ontario without the payment of a fee.

This amendment is intended to assist students who have been granted this emergency authorization, including those in Ontario under the CUAET, in continuing their education and would apply to pupils who are admitted to attend school for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. School boards are advised to admit these pupils to school as soon as possible, waive the payment of fees and report them as “pupils of the board” for ministry funding purposes. School boards are also being asked to exercise discretion in verifying residency requirements to support a smooth transition for these students and their families.

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At the same time, the ministry recognizes that these newcomer students may not have arrived in Ontario to be enrolled in a school in time to generate Grants for Student Needs funding for a school board in 2021-22.

School boards are asked to track enrolment for these students to ensure that school boards are eligible to receive funding to successfully integrate these pupils, including pupils who are in Ontario under the CUAET, into Ontario's publicly funded education system. Further details and templates for collecting data will be provided in the weeks ahead.

To support families that require access to licensed childcare, school boards may direct queries from parents/guardians to the local childcare service system manager through the following link: [Service system managers for child care and early years programs | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/service-system-managers-for-child-care-and-early-years-programs).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact enrolment@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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