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Memorandum to: Directors of Education
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Subject **Amendments to Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and Related Regulations**

I am writing to inform you that the following regulations have been amended:

- Ontario Regulation 396/22 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2022-2023 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 397/22 (Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2022-2023 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 616/21 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2021-2022 School Board Fiscal Year)

- Ontario Regulation 489/20 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2020-2021 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 261/19 (Reciprocal Education Approach)
- Ontario Regulation 284/18 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for 2018-2019 School Board Fiscal Year)

Amendments to Existing Regulations

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2022-2023 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 396/22)

The following housekeeping amendments have been made to the regulation, which:

- adjust the Crown Contribution and Stabilization for the 2022-2023 benefits trust table to reflect the latest Full-Time Equivalency estimates data reported by school boards,
- reflect the Central Employer Bargaining Agency Fees funding amounts for school boards based on their respective trustees' association's total 2021-2022 annual expenses,
- adjust the Specialist High Skills Major funding based on updated enrolment and program reports from school boards,
- provide a 2% cost update to support school boards and consortia to meet their contractual obligations with bus operators in respect of student transportation services,
- reflect capital funding approvals that would enable school boards to begin planning and construction of approved capital priorities projects, such as major renovation; and
- correct errors and omissions in the regulation.

Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2022-2023 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 397/22)

The regulation has been amended to update the fee amounts to reflect 2022-23 Estimates information provided by school boards that was not yet available at the time the regulation was made in April 2022. The updated fees are retroactive to September 1, 2022.

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2021-2022 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 616/21)

The regulation has been amended to:

- reflect additional capital funding provided to school boards in relation to Capital Priorities, Child Care Capital, and Land Priorities. Specifically, additional funding has been provided to school boards for new or expanded schools to address local accommodation pressures; replace schools in poor condition, address the needs of under-served French-language rights holders; create new or renovated licensed childcare spaces in schools as part of the larger school capital project; and support school boards in acquiring land for ministry approved capital projects, and
- correct a subsection reference error in the regulation.

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2020-2021 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 489/20)

The regulation has been updated to:

- reflect the latest average daily enrolment data provided by school boards for the Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA) allocation table,
- reflect the Full-Time Equivalency data reported in the 2020-2021 school board financial statements and final employee life and health trust (ELHT) rates for the crown contribution and the stabilization adjustment for the 2020-2021 benefits trusts table,
- update the teacher job projection amount table to reflect the latest financial statements provided by school boards.

Reciprocal Education Approach (O. Reg. 261/19)

The regulation has been amended to remove a First Nation school (Wiikwemikong High School) from the list of prescribed schools, in Table 1 of section 3 of the regulation as requested by Wikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE).

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for 2018-2019 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 284/18)

The regulation has been amended to properly reflect the administration and governance limit calculation.

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Sincerely,

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