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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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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 266/23 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2023-2024 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 267/23 (Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2023-2024 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 396/22 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants 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 277/19 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2019-2020 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 284/18 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2018-2019 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 252/17 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2017-2018 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 215/16 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2016-2017 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 195/15 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2015-2016 School Board Fiscal Year)
- Ontario Regulation 76/14 (Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2014-2015 School Board Fiscal Year)

Amendments to Existing Regulations

As with every year, there are technical and other amendments to existing regulations that are required to clarify existing policy and update information received from school boards as follows:

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2023-2024 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 266/23)

The regulation has been amended to reflect:

- The elementary summer learning program funding in the regulation, which was transferred from the Priorities and Partnerships Funding to the GSN, as part of the 2023-24 GSN release.
- Adjusted funding under the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program funded through the GSN, based on updated enrolment and program reports from school boards.
- Updates to transportation funding that includes an increase of the recruitment and retention bonus to include minivan drivers, additional funding to cover administrative cost for school bus operators, additional funding for non-refundable portion of HST incurred by school boards/consortia, increase reimbursement rate for on-site training to align with updated contract rate and data related updates to reflect local transit fare increases, as well as updated bus route information provided by school boards.
- Re-introduction of funding into the GSN regulations to support renewal software licensing fees for school boards under the School Operations Allocation.
- Updates to table amounts to reflect updates for Capital Priority Projects, Land Priority Purchases, Community Hub Replacement, Child Care Capital Projects, EarlyON Child and Family Centres and School Renewal Enhancement.
- Retire completed projects and opened schools from the regulation tables as there are no further expenditures to report against the allocations.
- Update to Central Employer Bargaining Agency Fees (CEBAF)/employer bargaining agency fees funding amounts for school boards based on their respective trustees' association's total 2022-2023 annual expenses.

- Update to the Special Incidence Portion (SIP) funding for one school board based on a resubmission of information from the school board.
- Update to the list of schools eligible for remote learning allocation based on remote learning school information submitted by school boards.
- Technical adjustments to properly reflect titles for some of the tables.

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021-2022, 2020-2021, 2019-2020, 2018-2019, 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 266/23, O. Reg. 396/22, O. Reg. 616/21, O. Reg. 489/20, O. Reg. 277/19, O. Reg. 284/18, O. Reg. 252/17, O. Reg. 215/16, O. Reg. 195/15, O. Reg. 76/14)

- The regulations have been amended to reflect a technical adjustment to exclude certain types of expenses under the school boards' net administration and governance expenses, consistent with the boards reporting through the Education Finance Information System (EFIS).

Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2023-2024 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 267/23)

- The regulation has been amended to reflect an update to the fees for isolate boards based on updated information submitted by the four isolate school boards.

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

The regulation has been amended to reflect:

- Updates to funding for Capital Priority Projects, Land Priority Purchases and Child Care Capital Projects.
- Technical adjustments to properly reflect titles for some of the tables.

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:

- Update to Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount to reflect the latest average daily enrolment data as finalized with school boards.
- Technical adjustment to properly reflect title of a table.
- Updates to the crown contribution and stabilization adjustment for benefits trust amount.

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

- The regulation has been amended to reflect updates to the crown contribution and stabilization adjustment for benefits trust amount.

Restricted Purpose Revenues Regulation (O. Reg. 193/10)

This regulation has been amended to reflect the following technical amendments:

- Inclusion of the Summer Learning Program in the Learning Opportunities Grant allocation Targeted Student Supports envelope for 2023-24 and ongoing.
- An update to the list of schools eligible for the use of Rural and Northern Education Funds (RNEF).
- Clarification of language for internal audits to be performed by the regional internal audit team.

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Sincerely,

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