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Memorandum to: Directors of Education
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Subject **2024–25 Core Education Funding (Core Ed) and Related
Regulations**

I am writing to inform you that the following new regulations and amendments to existing regulations have been made. I am also providing updates on the Core Education Funding (Core Ed) for the 2024-25 school year.

I. NEW REGULATIONS

2024-25 Core Ed Regulations

The Core Ed regulations for 2024-25 have been made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. These regulations implement the following:

- funding investments, structural reforms, and other changes described in the memorandum [2024: B05 – 2024-25 Core Education Funding \(formerly Grants for Student Needs\)](#) issued April 26, 2024 for the 2024-25 school year.
- updates to funding benchmarks and table amounts arising from the 2022-26 central labour agreements.
- \$10 million investment in Special Incidence Portion (SIP) funding to support students with extraordinarily high needs, which was not yet allocated at the time of the release of the 2024-25 Core Ed. This amount is included in each school board’s SIP component funding set out in the regulation for Core Ed.
- an additional \$6.5 million investment in French as a Second Language Areas of Intervention

As a result, the projected total Core Ed for 2024-25 has been revised to \$29.1 billion, which is an increase of \$884 million or 3.1 per cent compared to 2023-24¹.

The ministry will issue revised versions of the “Guide to Core Education Funding: 2024–25 School Year”, “Core Education Funding: Technical Guide for School Boards, 2024–25” and “Core Education Funding Projections for the 2024-25 School Year”² documents to include these updates, which will be posted on the Ministry of Education’s funding webpage in the coming weeks.

The benchmarks in the “Core Education Funding: Technical Guide for School Boards, 2024–25” will also be updated to reflect the Bill 124 monetary resolution, as per memorandum 2024: B05.

The new funding regulations are:

- **Core Education Funding – Legislative Grants for the 2024-2025 School Board Fiscal Year;** and
- **Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2024-2025 School Board Fiscal Year.**

These regulations may be accessed through the [Ministry’s public website](#).

Board Participation in Activities (O. Reg. 350/24)

A new regulation has been created under Bill 98 to limit the financial risk in the sector with respect to insurance exchanges and ensure ministry access to their financial information.

II. 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:

¹ Based on restated 2023-24 projections including the ratified 2022-26 central labour agreements and outcome of the May 29th arbitration ruling. 2023-24 excludes one-time funding and funding for debt service costs.

² Including restated 2023-24 projections.

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2023-24 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 266/23)

- Updates to various tables to capture additional capital funding being provided to school boards under the Capital Priorities, Child Care Capital, and Land Priorities allocations.
- Other technical corrections

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2022-23 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 396/22)

- Update to the benefits trust allocation amount to reflect Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) reported in the 2022-23 financial statements.

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2023-24 and 2022-23 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 266/23 and 396/22)

- Update to labour related salary benchmarks and other funding elements to reflect the 2022-26 central labour agreements that were ratified since the release of the 2023-24 Grants for Student Needs (GSN).
- Technical amendment to replace the table amount in the 2023-24 GSN regulations with updated salary benchmarks to reflect Bill 124 monetary resolution adjustment in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 GSN regulations.

Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2023-24, 2022-23 and 2021-22 School Board Fiscal Year (O. Reg. 266/23, 396/22 and 616/21)

- Technical amendment to remove rounding language for the Learning Opportunities demographic component calculation.

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

- Update for the new enveloping restrictions introduced as part of the Core Ed for government priority areas (i.e., Special Education, Indigenous Education, Mental Health and Wellness, and Student Safety and Well-Being) and re-grouping of elements based on changes to the formula from GSN to Core Ed.

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