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MEMORANDUM TO: Secretary Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Andrew Davis
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DATE: June 23, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009-10 Estimates Forms - Isolate Boards

I am pleased to inform you that the 2009-10 Estimates Forms, Technical Paper – Addendum for School Authorities and related instructions are now available on the Financial Reporting website at <http://tpfr.edu.gov.on.ca>. From the home page, please click on the Estimates link.

The enhancements and changes to the 2009-10 funding model are similar to those provided to district school boards in the Grants for Student Needs (GSN). Details of the funding model are outlined in the Technical Paper, found on the Ministry's public website at <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>. The addendum to the technical paper deals with specific funding issues unique to isolate boards. Key changes to the Estimates forms this year include:

- Benchmark updates to reflect the salary increases and other enhancements to support the PFA's (Provincial Framework Agreement) as well as constraint measures announced in memorandum 2009:B02.
- Modifications to the calculation of the declining enrolment adjustment.
- The parent engagement funding that was previously provided under EPO (Education Program Other Grant) is now part of the Board administration and governance funding under GSN.
- The Outreach Coordinators component of the community use of school funding previously provided under GSN has been transferred to EPO.
- Tax collection costs for boards in unorganized areas have been eliminated as a result of legislative changes restructuring the collection process effective January 2009.

A copy of your individual school authority profile will be made available to you through Tim Kielman. The allocations described in the profile are based on the best information available to the ministry at this time and are being provided in order to assist you in preparing your budgets for the 2009-10 school year.

The 2009-10 Estimates are due on or before **August 27, 2009**. Please submit an electronic copy of the estimates to the ministry's mailbox at estimates.met@ontario.ca. Two signed copies of the estimates package are to be sent to:

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I would also like to remind you that the 2008-09 Financial Statements will be due in the Ministry by **November 13, 2009**. Please ensure that your auditors have taken this date into consideration in scheduling their work with your board.

Should you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact Tim Kielman at 1-800-461-9570.



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cc: Supervisory Officers