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MEMORANDUM TO: School Business Officials

FROM: Karen Maxwell
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SUBJECT: Approved Green Schools Pilot Initiative Projects

I am writing to provide you details of the approved pilot projects under the Green Schools Pilot Initiative. The Green Schools Pilot Initiative was a joint initiative with the Ministry of Research and Innovation and the Ministry of Education, designed to provide school boards with the ability to purchase, test and showcase new and innovative green products/technology while providing companies with real world demonstration to enable local and global expansion.

A total of 46 boards expressed interest in 52 projects totalling approximately \$36M. Boards invested a significant amount of time in developing their proposals and working with other boards where appropriate, which was apparent in the quality of the business cases submitted. While this made the decision-making process more difficult, we are delighted with the quality and level of board participation in the initiative.

Of the 25 projects involving 40 boards, a total of approximately \$22.5M has been approved, subject to amendments to the regulations governing the Grants for Students Needs and its subsequent approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The list of approved pilot projects is attached as appendix 1.

I would like to thank boards for their interest in this initiative and look forward to reviewing the performance measures related to the pilots and their impact on greening our schools. If you have any questions, please contact Fiona Menzies at fiona.menzies@ontario.ca or (416) 212-4444.

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