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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

**FROM: Nancy Whynot
Director, Capital Programs Branch**

DATE: June 8, 2010

SUBJECT: \$120M in Capital Funding Available for 2010-2011

Further to **Memorandum 2010:B5, Education Funding for 2010-11** dated March 26, 2010, I am pleased to provide additional information on the capital funding available for 2010-2011.

The Ministry has announced \$120M in Capital Funding for 2010-11, which is intended to support boards in addressing their most urgent and pressing capital needs, based on previously identified projects. These include projects that were submitted through the Capital Priorities Program in the Fall of 2008, and projects that have been brought to the attention of the Ministry more recently due to their time-sensitive nature.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects are those that have been identified as boards' most urgent and pressing capital needs and must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Additional funding is needed to address site and land acquisition, demolition, or unique site costs related to projects which have already received a Ministry funding approval, in order for the project to proceed.
- Projects that support school consolidations which address significant operating or capital issues, e.g., by reducing underutilized space and/or renewal needs. These consolidations must be supported by a board decision related to a completed accommodation review process decisions where required.
- To address other capital needs, such as enrolment pressures, at schools undertaking a capital project related to and funded through Full Day Early Learning Kindergarten capital program.
- A time-sensitive purchase of available school property being circulated by other boards for which there is a demonstrated need to open the school within five years
- There is a need to build new elementary or secondary additions/schools to address enrolment growth and project must move forward quickly to ensure that the space is open and operating for the 2012-2013 and/or 2013-2014 school year.

In addition, boards must demonstrate that they have the capacity to complete the capital project by no later than the 2013-2014 school year.

Timeline

Ministry capital analysts will be contacting board staff in June 2010 to review a list of projects that may be considered urgent and pressing. This will provide boards with an opportunity to comment on the respective urgency and importance of each capital priority, as well as to provide new information. After speaking with your capital analyst, I would encourage boards to provide new information in writing by June 30, 2010. Ministry staff will then review these projects and notify boards of our funding approvals. At this time boards are not being asked to update or submit new information through the Capital Priorities Template in SFIS.

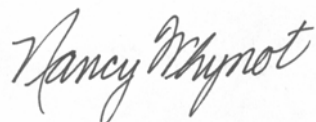
We also encourage boards who are selling surplus sites for which they have offers from their co-terminus boards that are conditional on Ministry funding to be patient and allow the Ministry to complete its decision-making process. It is a priority for the Ministry to keep school sites in the publicly funded sector where those sites are required by a school board.

Ministry Contact

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact the portfolio analyst assigned to your board (see updated list attached) or: Nancy Whynot, Director, Capital Programs Branch at 416-325-4030 or at Nancy.Whynot@Ontario.ca

We look forward to working with you on these projects.

Sincerely,



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