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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities (Isolate Boards)

**FROM:** Andrew Davis  
Director  
Financial Analysis and Accountability Branch

**DATE:** June 29, 2010

**SUBJECT:** 2010-11 Estimates Forms – Isolate Boards

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I am pleased to inform you that the 2010-11 Estimates Forms, Technical Paper – Addendum for School Authorities, and related instructions are now available on the Financial Reporting website at <http://faab.edu.gov.on.ca>. From the home page, please click on the Estimates link.

The enhancements and changes to the 2010-11 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 third year of the four year PFA's (Provincial Framework Agreement).
- Modifications to the calculation of the declining enrolment adjustment.

Starting in 2010-11, a number of initiatives that had previously been funded through Education Programs – Other (EPO) transfer payments will be funded through the GSN.

- **Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (OFIP) Tutoring:** This program, established in 2006-07, allows boards to initiate and expand before-and-after-school, weekend or summer tutoring programs. The focus of these programs is to provide extra help for students who are not yet achieving the provincial standard in reading, writing or mathematics.
- **Specialist High Skills Major:** The Specialist High Skills Major program has, since its introduction in 2006-07, allowed students to customize their high school experience and build on their strengths and interests by focusing their learning on a specific economic sector. The allocations will be through a table amount in the instructions.
- As outlined in the June 24, 2010 memo from Paul Menard, funding is also provided through lead boards for **Student Success and School Effectiveness**, as well a new funding for **behaviour expertise**. The lead boards are accountable to each of the remaining 4 isolate boards for the service provided and expenditures related to these allocations.

In order to ensure your September 2010 payment reflects the 2010-11 Estimates, these are due on or before **August 31, 2010**. Please submit an electronic copy of the estimates to the ministry's mailbox at [estimates.met@ontario.ca](mailto: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 2009-10 Financial Statements will be due to the Ministry by **November 15, 2010**. 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 contact Tim Kielman at 1-800-461-9570, extension 6892.

Sincerely,



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cc: Supervisory Officers