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**2014: SB 09**

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Senior Business Officials

**FROM:** Cheri Hayward  
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**DATE:** April 14, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Student Transportation – Grants for Student Needs, 2014-15

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As a follow-up to Memorandum 2014:B04, dated March 27, 2014, I am writing to outline the transportation funding allocations through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) in 2014-15 and to provide information for Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) follow-up reviews in the upcoming year.

The total Student Transportation Grant is projected to be \$883.5M in 2014-15. A board-by-board summary of the projected allocation for 2014-15 is provided in Appendix A.

### **Enrolment Adjustment**

In 2014-15, we will be returning to the funding policy where support is provided for 100 percent of the funding decrease resulting from declining enrolment. This will help boards to maintain transportation service levels despite declining enrolment and help meet transportation pressures that may emerge from school consolidations. The Ministry will provide \$4.5M to support boards with increasing enrolment.

### **Cost Update Adjustment**

The Ministry will provide a 2 percent increase in funding for providing transportation services. Boards with a transportation deficit in the 2014-15 school year will receive the cost update adjustment, while boards with a transportation surplus will only receive the difference between their surplus and the cost update adjustment if the surplus is less than the total value of the adjustment. It is estimated that \$9.9M will be provided for cost update in 2014-15 school year.

## **Fuel Escalator and De-escalator Component**

The Ministry recognizes that fuel costs for student transportation are beyond the control of boards and operators. School boards have been protected from fuel price fluctuations through the fuel escalation and de-escalation mechanism introduced in the GSN in 2010-11. For 2014-15, including the 2 percent fuel efficiency assumed, the Ministry will use the adjusted pegged retail price of \$0.936 cents per litre for southern school boards and \$0.957 for northern school boards<sup>1</sup>.

The GSN regulation will continue to have a corridor of 3 percent above and below the adjusted funding pegged prices. If fuel prices, as posted by the Ministry of Energy website<sup>2</sup> (net of HST), are above or below this corridor in any month within the fiscal year, from September to June, a funding adjustment will apply. This provision takes into consideration frequent minor fluctuations in market fuel prices that are manageable within the industry and as such, monthly fluctuations in fuel prices within the corridor will not trigger any adjustments. The net total of the monthly funding adjustments will be applied to a board's transportation allocation following the submission of Boards' Financial Statement in December 2015. Boards should note that this adjustment could be positive or negative.

The Ministry would like to remind boards to take the potential funding changes due to fuel escalation or de-escalation into consideration when preparing their 2014-15 transportation budgets.

## **Full Day Kindergarten Transportation Funding**

To support the implementation of Full-day Kindergarten (FDK) in Ontario, the Ministry will continue to phase-in transportation funding to boards based on their reviewed submissions. 2014-15 is the last year for the phase in of FDK funding as the program has reached full implementation.

The 21 eligible school boards will receive their final FDK transportation funding increase which will be included in the transportation base funding for future years.

## **Follow-up Effectiveness and Efficiency Reviews**

The Ministry is committed to continuous improvement and will continue to conduct follow-up reviews for an additional two years. A Consortium must make a formal request to be considered for a Follow-up Review and provide information that demonstrates that they have made significant progress since the initial review.

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<sup>1</sup> All fuel rates quoted in this memorandum are net of HST.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/fuel-prices/>

Consortia requesting a follow-up review are asked to complete and submit the attached form to the Ministry before June 20, 2014. Subject to the Ministry's review of the information provided, and confidence that the consortium has demonstrated that they are operating at a highly effective and efficient level, a second review will be scheduled.

The review methodology and criteria are consistent with the original review. The reviews, however, have an additional focus on the implementation of recommendations and progress since the initial review. The Ministry will recommend further funding adjustments if the findings of the return visit support a higher overall rating than the previous review.

In receiving and reviewing the requests, the Ministry will schedule follow-up reviews in a sequence depending on the timing of the request, the number of requests received, and availability of the E&E Review Team and subject to available funding. Note that availability is limited; priority will be given to those consortia that can demonstrate significant progress since their original review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the 2014-15 GSN or student transportation reforms, please contact Sandy Chan, Manager, Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit at (416) 325-2464, or [sandy.chan@ontario.ca](mailto:sandy.chan@ontario.ca).

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Cc: Directors of Education  
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## Appendix A

DSB #	DSB Name	2013-14 Base Allocation <sup>1</sup>	Adjustment for Increasing Enrollment	Adjustment for Declining Enrollment	Non-Salary Benchmark Update (2%)	FDK	Provincial Schools Transportation Amount <sup>2</sup>	Projected 2014-15 Allocation <sup>3</sup>	Variance from 2013-14	Percentage Variance
1	District School Board Ontario North East (1)	\$7,009,413	\$0	\$0	\$123,366	\$0	\$0	\$7,132,779	\$123,366	1.76%
2	Algoma District School Board (2)	\$7,716,050	\$0	\$0	\$135,802	\$0	\$0	\$7,851,852	\$135,802	1.76%
3	Rainbow District School Board (3)	\$12,532,556	\$0	\$0	\$220,573	\$0	\$0	\$12,753,129	\$220,573	1.76%
4	Near North District School Board (4)	\$10,314,369	\$0	\$0	\$181,533	\$0	\$0	\$10,495,902	\$181,533	1.76%
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (5A)	\$4,238,926	\$0	\$0	\$64,664	\$0	\$0	\$4,303,590	\$64,664	1.53%
5.2	Rainy River District School Board (5B)	\$2,449,890	\$13,338	\$0	\$43,118	\$0	\$0	\$2,506,346	\$56,456	2.30%
6.1	Lakehead District School Board (6A)	\$6,124,482	\$0	\$0	\$11,207	\$0	\$0	\$6,215,689	\$91,207	1.49%
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board (6B)	\$1,569,820	\$0	\$0	\$131	\$0	\$0	\$1,569,951	\$131	0.01%
7	Bluewater District School Board (7)	\$12,445,082	\$0	\$0	\$216,679	\$40,199	\$0	\$12,701,960	\$256,878	2.06%
8	Avon Maitland District School Board (8)	\$10,951,674	\$0	\$0	\$192,749	\$0	\$84,641	\$11,229,064	\$192,749	1.76%
9	Greater Essex County District School Board (9)	\$11,270,750	\$45,784	\$0	\$0	\$33,526	\$0	\$11,350,060	\$79,310	0.70%
10	Lambton Kent District School Board (10)	\$11,596,462	\$0	\$0	\$203,916	\$0	\$145,000	\$11,945,378	\$203,916	1.76%
11	Thames Valley District School Board (11)	\$33,860,764	\$0	\$0	\$595,949	\$118,224	\$231,843	\$34,806,780	\$714,173	2.11%
12	Toronto District School Board (12)	\$47,587,113	\$0	\$0	\$837,533	\$0	\$81,600	\$48,506,246	\$837,533	1.76%
13	Durham District School Board (13)	\$19,590,932	\$0	\$0	\$344,800	\$47,245	\$0	\$19,982,978	\$392,046	2.00%
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (14)	\$18,200,239	\$0	\$0	\$320,324	\$8,310	\$43,900	\$18,572,773	\$328,634	1.81%
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board (15)	\$13,926,739	\$0	\$0	\$245,111	\$0	\$0	\$14,171,850	\$245,111	1.76%
16	York Region District School Board (16)	\$35,085,889	\$368,753	\$0	\$617,512	\$0	\$20,000	\$36,092,153	\$986,264	2.81%
17	Simcoe County District School Board (17)	\$18,477,023	\$167,308	\$0	\$251,951	\$31,312	\$37,300	\$18,964,894	\$450,571	2.44%
18	Upper Grand District School Board (18)	\$15,206,628	\$0	\$0	\$267,637	\$68,817	\$275,000	\$15,818,081	\$336,453	2.21%
19	Peel District School Board (19)	\$39,121,622	\$350,732	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$266,876	\$39,739,230	\$350,732	0.90%
20	Halton District School Board (20)	\$13,438,738	\$142,519	\$0	\$236,522	\$0	\$191,878	\$14,009,657	\$379,041	2.82%
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (21)	\$13,444,664	\$0	\$0	\$134,156	\$0	\$257,535	\$13,836,355	\$134,156	1.00%
22	District School Board of Niagara (22)	\$17,135,852	\$0	\$0	\$301,591	\$0	\$0	\$17,437,443	\$301,591	1.76%
23	Grand Erie District School Board (23)	\$13,035,030	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$358,943	\$13,393,973	\$0	0.00%
24	Waterloo Region District School Board (24)	\$14,642,215	\$21,908	\$0	\$257,703	\$18,632	\$270,377	\$15,210,835	\$298,243	2.04%
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (25)	\$31,129,682	\$0	\$0	\$457,608	\$0	\$6,328,567	\$37,915,857	\$457,608	1.47%
26	Upper Canada District School Board (26)	\$23,402,200	\$0	\$0	\$411,879	\$0	\$0	\$23,814,079	\$411,879	1.76%
27	Limestone District School Board (27)	\$14,230,470	\$0	\$0	\$250,456	\$0	\$60,000	\$14,540,926	\$250,456	1.76%
28	Renfrew County District School Board (28)	\$7,432,992	\$0	\$0	\$130,821	\$12,265	\$0	\$7,576,077	\$143,085	1.93%
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board (29)	\$13,477,165	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$13,597,165	\$0	0.00%
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board (30A)	\$2,704,483	\$0	\$0	\$47,599	\$0	\$0	\$2,752,082	\$47,599	1.76%
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (30B)	\$3,381,165	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,381,165	\$0	0.00%
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (31)	\$3,303,849	\$0	\$0	\$58,148	\$0	\$0	\$3,361,997	\$58,148	1.76%
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board (32)	\$5,442,761	\$0	\$0	\$95,793	\$0	\$0	\$5,538,554	\$95,793	1.76%
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board (33A)	\$1,200,317	\$0	\$0	\$21,126	\$0	\$0	\$1,221,443	\$21,126	1.76%
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board (33B)	\$1,003,204	\$17,874	\$0	\$17,656	\$0	\$0	\$1,038,734	\$35,530	3.54%
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board (34A)	\$5,060,889	\$0	\$0	\$89,072	\$0	\$0	\$5,149,961	\$89,072	1.76%

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34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board (34B)	\$453,457	\$1,073	\$0	\$7,981	\$0	\$0	\$462,511	\$9,054	2.00%
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board (35)	\$3,606,898	\$0	\$0	\$44,207	\$10,463	\$0	\$3,661,567	\$54,669	1.52%
36	Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (36)	\$4,834,605	\$0	\$0	\$85,071	\$0	\$59,848	\$4,979,524	\$85,071	1.76%
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (37)	\$7,739,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,573	\$0	\$7,767,323	\$27,573	0.36%
38	English-language Separate District School Board No. 38 (38)	\$11,828,199	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$222,944	\$16,350	\$12,067,493	\$222,944	1.88%
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board (39)	\$5,906,482	\$0	\$0	\$91,999	\$0	\$70,000	\$6,068,481	\$91,999	1.56%
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board (40)	\$22,713,943	\$159,335	\$0	\$399,765	\$0	\$0	\$23,273,044	\$559,101	2.46%
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland & Clarington Catholic DSB (41)	\$9,639,736	\$0	\$0	\$169,659	\$3,380	\$0	\$9,812,776	\$173,040	1.80%
42	York Catholic District School Board (42)	\$16,246,326	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,204	\$16,305,530	\$0	0.00%
43	Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board (43)	\$19,586,588	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$383	\$189,860	\$19,776,831	\$383	0.00%
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (44)	\$12,207,031	\$303,583	\$0	\$0	\$15,947	\$0	\$12,526,561	\$319,530	2.62%
45	Durham Catholic District School Board (45)	\$8,354,349	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,354,349	\$0	0.00%
46	Halton Catholic District School Board (46)	\$6,163,330	\$94,915	\$0	\$108,475	\$0	\$27,240	\$6,393,960	\$203,390	3.30%
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (47)	\$6,834,588	\$68,130	\$0	\$100,010	\$0	\$90,900	\$7,093,628	\$168,140	2.46%
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board (48)	\$3,870,729	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,308	\$0	\$3,876,037	\$5,308	0.14%
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board (49)	\$6,332,399	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,581	\$20,158	\$6,371,138	\$18,581	0.29%
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board (50)	\$10,360,001	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,360,001	\$0	0.00%
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (51)	\$5,090,683	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,090,683	\$0	0.00%
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (52)	\$12,673,733	\$0	\$0	\$75,369	\$0	\$0	\$12,749,102	\$75,369	0.59%
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board (53)	\$22,557,736	\$263,493	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,821,229	\$263,493	1.17%
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (54)	\$4,066,668	\$0	\$0	\$71,573	\$788	\$0	\$4,139,029	\$72,361	1.78%
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (55)	\$9,446,000	\$8,101	\$0	\$166,250	\$0	\$25,000	\$9,645,351	\$174,351	1.85%
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (56)	\$1,786,908	\$134,417	\$0	\$1,291	\$0	\$0	\$1,922,616	\$135,708	7.59%
57	Conseil scolaire de district du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (57)	\$2,195,392	\$0	\$0	\$38,639	\$0	\$0	\$2,234,031	\$38,639	1.76%
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde (58)	\$14,756,984	\$562,607	\$0	\$227,004	\$803	\$0	\$15,547,398	\$790,414	5.36%
59	Conseil scolaire de district des écoles publiques de langue française n°. 59 (59)	\$11,334,425	\$440,062	\$0	\$129,148	\$0	\$0	\$11,903,634	\$569,209	5.02%
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières (60A)	\$6,106,906	\$0	\$0	\$107,482	\$0	\$0	\$6,214,388	\$107,482	1.76%
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord (60B)	\$3,367,948	\$22,364	\$0	\$59,276	\$0	\$0	\$3,449,588	\$81,640	2.42%
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (61)	\$6,167,642	\$0	\$0	\$58,199	\$0	\$0	\$6,225,841	\$58,199	0.94%
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales (62)	\$770,564	\$36,996	\$0	\$7,435	\$0	\$0	\$814,996	\$44,432	5.77%
63	Conseil scolaire de district des écoles catholiques du Sud-Ouest (63)	\$7,619,611	\$123,887	\$0	\$0	\$5,759	\$0	\$7,749,256	\$129,645	1.70%
64	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (64)	\$20,587,808	\$672,823	\$0	\$362,345	\$355	\$0	\$21,623,332	\$1,035,524	5.03%
65	Conseil de district catholique de l'est Ontarien (65)	\$10,695,997	\$38,689	\$0	\$188,250	\$0	\$0	\$10,922,935	\$226,938	2.12%
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario (66)	\$14,728,872	\$399,251	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,606,585	\$16,734,708	\$399,251	2.71%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$833,374,387</b>	<b>\$4,457,944</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,884,112</b>	<b>\$690,815</b>	<b>\$10,938,605</b>	<b>\$859,425,863</b>	<b>\$15,112,871</b>	<b>1.81%</b>

Notes:

1) 2013-14 Base Allocation excludes projected expenditures for provincial schools transportation (\$10.9M)

2) Provincial School Transportation Amount includes an estimated expenditure amount for two lead boards Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario and Ottawa-Carleton District School Board; and the other school boards that have the responsibilities to plan and deliver provincial school transportation

3) Projected 2014-15 Allocation excludes \$24M unallocated funding

4) In the case of Lakehead DSB, the projected 2014-15 allocation includes \$80,000 school authority transportation funding.

## Request for a Follow-Up Review

Name of Consortium: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval received from governance body \_\_\_\_\_ (please check)

Updated Checklist Attached: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please check)

Preferred Date in 2014-15 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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Consortium Manager

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Date

Return completed form to Sarah Guarino at [sarah.guarino@ontario.ca](mailto:sarah.guarino@ontario.ca)