

2015: SB06

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Senior Business Officials

**FROM:** Cheri Hayward  
Director  
School Business Support Branch

**DATE:** April 1, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Student Transportation – Grants for Student Needs, 2015-16

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As a follow-up to Memorandum 2015: B07, dated March 26, 2015, I am writing to outline the transportation funding allocations through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) in 2015-16. The total Student Transportation Grant is projected to be \$887.7M in 2015-16. A board-by-board summary of the projected allocations for 2015-16 is provided in Appendix A.

## **A. Transportation Funding Allocations**

### **1. Enrolment Adjustment**

The Ministry will continue to hold school boards harmless for declining enrolment. To maintain transportation service levels and meet pressures that may emerge from school consolidations, boards with declining enrolment will not see any negative adjustments made to their transportation funding. The Ministry will provide \$3.6M to support school boards with increasing enrolment.

### **2. Cost Update Adjustment**

The Ministry will provide a 2 percent funding increase to support the provision of transportation services. Boards with a transportation deficit in the 2015-16 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 \$10.7M will be provided for cost updates in 2015-16 school year.

### **3. 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 2015-16, 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 on 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 2016. 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 2015-16 transportation budgets.

#### 4. Transportation to Provincial and Demonstration Schools

Transportation for residential students attending English-language Provincial and Demonstration Schools will be coordinated by the Ministry's Provincial Schools Branch beginning in the 2015-16 school year. The lead board model will continue for French-language students attending Centre Jules-Léger with the Consortium de transport scolaire d'Ottawa. There are no changes to daily transportation to Provincial and Demonstration Schools.

#### 5. Follow-up Effectiveness and Efficiency Reviews

The Ministry is committed to continuous improvement and will conduct follow-up reviews for the final year in 2015-16. Consortia must make a formal request to be considered for a follow-up review and provide information that demonstrates they have made significant progress since the initial review.

Consortia requesting a follow-up review are asked to complete and submit the attached form to the Ministry by June 30, 2015. Subject to the Ministry's review of the information provided and confidence that the consortium has demonstrated 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.

Upon receiving and reviewing the requests, the Ministry will schedule follow-up reviews

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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/>

based on the timing of the request, the number of requests received, and the availability of the E&E Review Team, subject to available funding. Note that availability is limited and priority will be given to consortia that demonstrate significant progress since their original review.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the 2015-16 GSN, 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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Transportation Managers

## Appendix A

DSB #	DSB Name	2014-15 Base Allocation <sup>1</sup>	Adjustment for Increasing Enrollment	Non-Salary Benchmark Update (2%)	Provincial Schools Transportation Amount <sup>2</sup>	Projected 2015-16 Allocation <sup>3</sup>	Variance from 2014-15	Percentage Variance
1	District School Board Ontario North East (1)	\$7,216,891	\$86,603	\$127,017	\$0	\$7,430,511	\$213,620	2.96%
2	Algoma District School Board (2)	\$8,105,026	\$0	\$142,648	\$0	\$8,247,675	\$142,648	1.76%
3	Rainbow District School Board (3)	\$12,727,550	\$0	\$224,005	\$0	\$12,951,555	\$224,005	1.76%
4	Near North District School Board (4)	\$10,506,413	\$0	\$123,957	\$0	\$10,630,370	\$123,957	1.18%
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (5A)	\$4,297,881	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,297,881	\$0	0.00%
5.2	Rainy River District School Board (5B)	\$2,481,155	\$0	\$43,668	\$0	\$2,524,824	\$43,668	1.76%
6.1	Lakehead District School Board (6A)	\$6,135,690	\$0	\$30,780	\$0	\$6,246,469	\$110,780	1.81%
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board (6B)	\$1,605,807	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,605,807	\$0	0.00%
7	Bluewater District School Board (7)	\$12,632,501	\$0	\$215,016	\$0	\$12,847,517	\$215,016	1.70%
8	Avon Maitland District School Board (8)	\$11,251,478	\$0	\$149,410	\$30,000	\$11,430,888	\$149,410	1.33%
9	Greater Essex County District School Board (9)	\$11,304,235	\$158,259	\$0	\$0	\$11,462,494	\$158,259	1.40%
10	Lambton Kent District School Board (10)	\$11,800,351	\$0	\$207,686	\$100,000	\$12,108,037	\$207,686	1.76%
11	Thames Valley District School Board (11)	\$34,076,379	\$0	\$599,744	\$311,590	\$34,987,713	\$599,744	1.76%
12	Toronto District School Board (12)	\$48,423,447	\$0	\$852,253	\$138,000	\$49,413,699	\$852,253	1.76%
13	Durham District School Board (13)	\$19,982,978	\$39,966	\$351,700	\$0	\$20,374,645	\$391,666	1.96%
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (14)	\$18,280,026	\$0	\$321,728	\$43,900	\$18,645,654	\$321,728	1.76%
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board (15)	\$14,171,850	\$0	\$249,425	\$0	\$14,421,274	\$249,425	1.76%
16	York Region District School Board (16)	\$35,949,002	\$215,694	\$632,702	\$20,000	\$36,817,398	\$848,396	2.36%
17	Simcoe County District School Board (17)	\$18,760,435	\$93,802	\$262,997	\$37,300	\$19,154,534	\$356,799	1.90%
18	Upper Grand District School Board (18)	\$15,543,082	\$0	\$273,558	\$205,000	\$16,021,640	\$273,558	1.76%
19	Peel District School Board (19)	\$39,160,388	\$78,321	\$595,122	\$327,804	\$40,161,634	\$673,442	1.72%
20	Halton District School Board (20)	\$14,305,332	\$100,137	\$251,774	\$181,380	\$14,838,624	\$351,911	2.46%
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (21)	\$13,541,168	\$0	\$238,325	\$257,600	\$14,037,093	\$238,325	1.76%
22	District School Board of Niagara (22)	\$17,437,443	\$0	\$306,899	\$0	\$17,744,342	\$306,899	1.76%
23	Grand Erie District School Board (23)	\$13,040,053	\$0	\$0	\$336,031	\$13,376,084	\$0	0.00%
24	Waterloo Region District School Board (24)	\$15,289,369	\$61,157	\$0	\$270,989	\$15,621,516	\$61,157	0.40%
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (25)	\$31,591,208	\$0	\$556,005	\$0	\$32,147,213	\$556,005	1.76%
26	Upper Canada District School Board (26)	\$24,111,250	\$337,557	\$414,281	\$0	\$24,863,089	\$751,839	3.12%

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27	Limestone District School Board (27)	\$14,436,900	\$86,621	\$254,089	\$76,110	\$14,853,721	\$340,711	2.36%
28	Renfrew County District School Board (28)	\$7,579,679	\$0	\$133,402	\$0	\$7,713,081	\$133,402	1.76%
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board (29)	\$13,559,675	\$0	\$53,216	\$146,357	\$13,759,248	\$53,216	0.39%
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board (30A)	\$2,826,780	\$0	\$49,751	\$0	\$2,876,531	\$49,751	1.76%
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board (30B)	\$3,391,497	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,391,497	\$0	0.00%
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (31)	\$3,361,630	\$0	\$59,165	\$0	\$3,420,794	\$59,165	1.76%
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board (32)	\$5,538,553	\$0	\$97,479	\$0	\$5,636,032	\$97,479	1.76%
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board (33A)	\$1,172,575	\$24,624	\$7,180	\$0	\$1,204,380	\$31,804	2.71%
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board (33B)	\$1,067,007	\$0	\$18,779	\$0	\$1,085,787	\$18,779	1.76%
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board (34A)	\$5,149,961	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,149,961	\$0	0.00%
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board (34B)	\$461,438	\$0	\$8,121	\$0	\$469,559	\$8,121	1.76%
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board (35)	\$3,755,381	\$0	\$66,094	\$0	\$3,821,475	\$66,094	1.76%
36	Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board (36)	\$4,984,327	\$19,937	\$0	\$0	\$5,004,265	\$19,937	0.40%
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (37)	\$7,775,266	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,775,266	\$0	0.00%
38	English-language Separate District School Board No. 38 (38)	\$11,963,908	\$0	\$0	\$46,650	\$12,010,558	\$0	0.00%
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board (39)	\$5,985,726	\$0	\$105,349	\$70,000	\$6,161,075	\$105,349	1.76%
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board (40)	\$23,903,641	\$0	\$420,704	\$0	\$24,324,345	\$420,704	1.76%
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland & Clarington Catholic DSB (41)	\$9,698,586	\$0	\$170,695	\$0	\$9,869,281	\$170,695	1.76%
42	York Catholic District School Board (42)	\$16,246,326	\$0	\$0	\$59,617	\$16,305,943	\$0	0.00%
43	Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board (43)	\$19,567,086	\$0	\$0	\$143,753	\$19,710,839	\$0	0.00%
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (44)	\$11,988,174	\$479,527	\$0	\$0	\$12,467,701	\$479,527	4.00%
45	Durham Catholic District School Board (45)	\$8,668,662	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,668,662	\$0	0.00%
46	Halton Catholic District School Board (46)	\$6,757,428	\$168,936	\$118,931	\$27,645	\$7,072,939	\$287,866	4.26%
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (47)	\$6,882,562	\$34,413	\$121,133	\$90,900	\$7,129,007	\$155,546	2.26%
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board (48)	\$3,876,037	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,876,037	\$0	0.00%
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board (49)	\$6,417,861	\$0	\$0	\$21,500	\$6,439,361	\$0	0.00%
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board (50)	\$10,360,001	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,360,001	\$0	0.00%
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (51)	\$4,845,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,845,016	\$0	0.00%
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario (52)	\$13,229,102	\$0	\$232,832	\$0	\$13,461,934	\$232,832	1.76%
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board (53)	\$22,785,473	\$318,997	\$0	\$0	\$23,104,470	\$318,997	1.40%
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (54)	\$4,130,618	\$0	\$72,699	\$0	\$4,203,316	\$72,699	1.76%

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55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board (55)	\$9,640,821	\$0	\$169,678	\$5,000	\$9,815,499	\$169,678	1.76%
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (56)	\$1,727,892	\$0	\$26,914	\$0	\$1,754,806	\$26,914	1.56%
57	Conseil scolaire de district du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (57)	\$2,288,916	\$0	\$40,285	\$0	\$2,329,201	\$40,285	1.76%
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde (58)	\$15,787,338	\$236,810	\$277,857	\$0	\$16,302,005	\$514,667	3.26%
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (59)	\$11,742,464	\$281,819	\$0	\$0	\$12,024,283	\$281,819	2.40%
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières (60A)	\$6,214,387	\$0	\$109,373	\$0	\$6,323,761	\$109,373	1.76%
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord (60B)	\$3,430,592	\$17,153	\$60,378	\$0	\$3,508,123	\$77,531	2.26%
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (61)	\$6,225,491	\$0	\$102,150	\$0	\$6,327,641	\$102,150	1.64%
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales (62)	\$814,444	\$0	\$14,334	\$0	\$828,778	\$14,334	1.76%
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence (63)	\$7,806,799	\$62,454	\$0	\$0	\$7,869,253	\$62,454	0.80%
64	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud (64)	\$21,600,410	\$367,207	\$380,167	\$0	\$22,347,784	\$747,374	3.46%
65	Conseil de district catholique de l'est Ontarien (65)	\$10,745,688	\$96,711	\$165,205	\$0	\$11,007,604	\$261,916	2.44%
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario (66)	\$14,967,341	\$209,543	\$175,260	\$1,638,408	\$16,990,552	\$384,803	2.57%
Total	All School Boards	\$849,087,846	\$3,576,250	\$10,681,926	\$4,585,534	\$868,011,556	\$14,338,175	1.69%

**Notes:**

- 1) 2014-15 Base Allocation excludes projected expenditures for provincial schools transportation (\$10.8M).
- 2) Provincial School Transportation Amount includes an estimated expenditure amount for the board Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario and the other school boards that have responsibilities to plan and deliver provincial school transportation.
- 3) Projected 2015-16 Allocation excludes \$19.7M unallocated funding.
- 4) In the case of Lakehead District School Board, the projected 2015-16 allocation includes \$80,000 school authority transportation funding.
- 5) Starting in 2015-16, the Ministry will be coordinating weekly transportation for students attending English-language Provincial and Demonstration Schools. To reflect this delegation of responsibility, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will not receive the projected funding to deliver this service in the 2015-16 school year. An estimated \$6.3M was included in OCDSB's projected 2014-15 allocation.

## 2015-16 Follow-up E&E Review Request

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

Please check:

- Approval received from governance body
- Updated checklist attached

Preferred Date in 2015-16 School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Consortium Manager Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Consortium Manager Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the completed form to Sarah Guarino at [sarah.guarino@ontario.ca](mailto:sarah.guarino@ontario.ca)  
by June 30, 2015**