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MEMORANDUM TO: Senior Business Officials

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SUBJECT: Student Transportation – Grants for Student Needs,
2016–17

As a follow-up to Memorandum 2016: B06, dated March 24, 2016, I am writing to outline the transportation funding allocations through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) in 2016–17. The total Student Transportation Grant is projected to be \$896.6M in 2016–17. A board-by-board summary of the projected allocations for 2016–17 is provided in Appendix A.

Transportation Funding Allocations

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 \$4.3M to support school boards with increasing enrolment.

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 \$11.3M will be provided for cost updates in 2016–17 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 2016–17, the Ministry will continue to use the adjusted pegged price of \$0.936 per litre for southern school boards and \$0.957 for northern school boards¹.

The GSN regulation will continue to have a corridor of 3 percent above and below the adjusted pegged prices. If fuel prices, as posted on the Ministry of Energy website² (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 2017. 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 2016–17 transportation budgets.

Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) Reviews

The Effectiveness & Efficiency (E&E) Review Summary Report is now available on the School Business Support Branch website. This report summarizes the E&E reviews conducted to date (all 33 original reviews and 18 follow-up reviews). It details the progress and significant operational and management improvements that been made in student transportation across the province since 2006.

As communicated in memorandum 2015 SB:06, the ministry will conduct follow-up E&E reviews for the final year in 2015–16. Two consortia will undergo follow-up reviews this year: Ottawa Student Transportation Authority and Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium.

¹ All fuel rates quoted in this memorandum are net of HST.

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

If you have any questions or comments regarding the 2016–17 GSN, please contact Sandy Chan, Manager, Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit, at (416) 325-2464 or sandy.chan@ontario.ca.

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Appendix A: Projected Allocations, 2016–17

DSB #	DSB Name	2015-16 Total Allocation A	2015-16 Base Allocation (Excludes Provincial Schools Funding) B	2016-17 Adjustment for Increasing Enrolment C	2016-17 Non-Salary Benchmark Update (2%) D	Projected 2016-17 Provincial Schools Transportation Amount ¹ E	Projected 2016-17 Allocation ² F = B+C+D+E	Variance from 2015-16 G = F - A	Percentage Variance H = G / A
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$7,346,696	\$7,346,696	\$0	\$129,302	\$0	\$7,475,998	\$129,302	1.76%
2	Algoma District School Board	\$8,247,675	\$8,247,675	\$0	\$145,159	\$0	\$8,392,834	\$145,159	1.76%
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$12,951,555	\$12,951,555	\$0	\$227,947	\$0	\$13,179,502	\$227,947	1.76%
4	Near North District School Board	\$10,733,352	\$10,733,352	\$0	\$144,565	\$0	\$10,877,917	\$144,565	1.35%
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$4,316,506	\$4,316,506	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,316,506	\$0	0.00%
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$2,524,823	\$2,524,823	\$181,787	\$44,437	\$0	\$2,751,047	\$226,224	8.96%
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$6,215,690	\$6,135,690	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,215,690	\$0	0.00%
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,634,069	\$1,634,069	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,634,069	\$0	0.00%
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$12,854,832	\$12,854,832	\$0	\$226,237	\$0	\$13,081,069	\$226,237	1.76%
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$11,442,429	\$11,412,429	\$0	\$169,316	\$30,000	\$11,611,745	\$169,316	1.48%
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$11,393,816	\$11,393,816	\$341,814	\$0	\$0	\$11,735,630	\$341,814	3.00%
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$12,123,584	\$12,023,584	\$0	\$211,615	\$100,000	\$12,335,199	\$211,615	1.75%
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$34,980,007	\$34,673,527	\$0	\$610,254	\$306,480	\$35,590,261	\$610,254	1.74%

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12	Toronto District School Board	\$49,460,286	\$49,275,700	\$0	\$867,252	\$184,586	\$50,327,538	\$867,252	1.75%
13	Durham District School Board	\$20,474,560	\$20,474,560	\$225,220	\$360,352	\$0	\$21,060,132	\$585,572	2.86%
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$18,645,655	\$18,601,755	\$0	\$327,240	\$43,900	\$18,972,895	\$327,240	1.76%
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$14,421,275	\$14,421,275	\$0	\$143,864	\$0	\$14,565,139	\$143,864	1.00%
16	York Region District School Board	\$36,721,551	\$36,689,551	\$146,758	\$645,736	\$32,000	\$37,514,045	\$792,494	2.16%
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$19,048,504	\$19,014,104	\$0	\$264,451	\$34,400	\$19,312,955	\$264,451	1.39%
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$16,074,630	\$15,869,630	\$63,479	\$279,305	\$205,000	\$16,417,414	\$342,784	2.13%
19	Peel District School Board	\$40,120,170	\$39,809,841	\$0	\$700,653	\$310,329	\$40,820,823	\$700,653	1.75%
20	Halton District School Board	\$15,003,022	\$14,817,982	\$88,908	\$260,796	\$185,040	\$15,352,726	\$349,704	2.33%
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$14,067,149	\$13,779,492	\$0	\$242,519	\$287,657	\$14,309,668	\$242,519	1.72%
22	District School Board of Niagara	\$17,744,342	\$17,744,342	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,744,342	\$0	0.00%
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$13,419,133	\$13,004,053	\$0	\$0	\$415,080	\$13,419,133	\$0	0.00%
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$15,587,057	\$15,289,369	\$0	\$269,093	\$297,688	\$15,856,150	\$269,093	1.73%
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$32,517,295	\$32,517,295	\$0	\$572,304	\$0	\$33,089,599	\$572,304	1.76%

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26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$24,504,464	\$24,504,464	\$0	\$431,278	\$0	\$24,935,742	\$431,278	1.76%
27	Limestone District School Board	\$14,775,665	\$14,661,585	\$0	\$258,044	\$114,080	\$15,033,709	\$258,044	1.75%
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$7,713,082	\$7,713,082	\$0	\$135,750	\$0	\$7,848,832	\$135,750	1.76%
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$13,550,718	\$13,410,718	\$0	\$121,009	\$140,000	\$13,671,727	\$121,009	0.89%
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$2,846,757	\$2,846,757	\$0	\$50,103	\$0	\$2,896,860	\$50,103	1.76%
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	\$3,391,497	\$3,391,497	\$6,783	\$59,690	\$0	\$3,457,970	\$66,473	1.96%
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	\$3,392,254	\$3,392,254	\$16,961	\$59,704	\$0	\$3,468,919	\$76,665	2.26%
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	\$5,716,566	\$5,716,566	\$0	\$100,612	\$0	\$5,817,178	\$100,612	1.76%
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$1,182,101	\$1,182,101	\$8,275	\$20,805	\$0	\$1,211,181	\$29,080	2.46%
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$1,067,007	\$1,067,007	\$4,268	\$18,779	\$0	\$1,090,054	\$23,047	2.16%
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	\$5,155,111	\$5,155,111	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,155,111	\$0	0.00%
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	\$487,244	\$487,244	\$0	\$8,575	\$0	\$495,819	\$8,575	1.76%
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$3,889,476	\$3,889,476	\$0	\$68,455	\$0	\$3,957,931	\$68,455	1.76%

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36	Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board	\$4,973,792	\$4,973,792	\$0	\$81,222	\$0	\$5,055,014	\$81,222	1.63%
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$7,775,266	\$7,775,266	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,775,266	\$0	0.00%
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$11,963,908	\$11,963,908	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,963,908	\$0	0.00%
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	\$6,091,075	\$6,091,075	\$0	\$107,203	\$0	\$6,198,278	\$107,203	1.76%
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$23,818,332	\$23,818,332	\$190,547	\$419,203	\$0	\$24,428,081	\$609,749	2.56%
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland & Clarington Catholic DSB	\$10,005,497	\$10,005,497	\$70,038	\$176,097	\$0	\$10,251,632	\$246,135	2.46%
42	York Catholic District School Board	\$16,595,580	\$16,515,580	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$16,595,580	\$0	0.00%
43	Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board	\$19,709,331	\$19,547,381	\$0	\$0	\$161,950	\$19,709,331	\$0	0.00%
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$12,059,920	\$12,059,920	\$410,037	\$0	\$0	\$12,469,957	\$410,037	3.40%
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$8,668,662	\$8,668,662	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,668,662	\$0	0.00%
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$6,689,842	\$6,629,119	\$66,291	\$116,672	\$60,723	\$6,872,805	\$182,964	2.73%
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$7,094,595	\$7,003,695	\$14,007	\$123,265	\$90,900	\$7,231,867	\$137,272	1.93%
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$3,772,593	\$3,772,593	\$0	\$49,909	\$0	\$3,822,502	\$49,909	1.32%

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49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$6,331,274	\$6,308,208	\$37,849	\$0	\$23,066	\$6,369,123	\$37,849	0.60%
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$10,360,001	\$10,360,001	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,360,001	\$0	0.00%
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$4,845,016	\$4,845,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,845,016	\$0	0.00%
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$13,461,934	\$13,461,934	\$0	\$236,930	\$0	\$13,698,864	\$236,930	1.76%
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$23,150,198	\$23,150,198	\$532,455	\$0	\$0	\$23,682,653	\$532,455	2.30%
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$4,203,317	\$4,203,317	\$79,863	\$73,978	\$0	\$4,357,158	\$153,841	3.66%
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$9,649,572	\$9,640,821	\$0	\$169,678	\$8,751	\$9,819,250	\$169,678	1.76%
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$1,786,640	\$1,786,640	\$0	\$27,828	\$0	\$1,814,469	\$27,828	1.56%
57	Conseil scolaire de district du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$2,314,094	\$2,314,094	\$50,910	\$40,728	\$0	\$2,405,732	\$91,638	3.96%
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	\$16,087,985	\$16,087,985	\$386,112	\$283,149	\$0	\$16,757,246	\$669,260	4.16%
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$12,059,669	\$12,059,669	\$385,909	\$212,250	\$0	\$12,657,829	\$598,160	4.96%

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60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$6,323,760	\$6,323,760	\$0	\$111,298	\$0	\$6,435,058	\$111,298	1.76%
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	\$3,430,592	\$3,430,592	\$0	\$53,435	\$0	\$3,484,027	\$53,435	1.56%
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$6,257,618	\$6,257,618	\$0	\$63,810	\$0	\$6,321,428	\$63,810	1.02%
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$820,145	\$820,145	\$0	\$14,435	\$0	\$834,580	\$14,435	1.76%
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	\$8,020,543	\$8,020,543	\$128,329	\$141,162	\$0	\$8,290,033	\$269,490	3.36%
64	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud	\$22,442,403	\$22,442,403	\$426,406	\$394,986	\$0	\$23,263,795	\$821,392	3.66%
65	Conseil de district catholique de l'est Ontarien	\$10,864,901	\$10,864,901	\$76,054	\$0	\$0	\$10,940,955	\$76,054	0.70%
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$16,476,672	\$15,221,888	\$319,660	\$267,905	\$1,254,784	\$17,064,237	\$587,565	3.57%
Total	All School Boards	\$865,846,331	\$861,399,917	\$4,258,721	\$11,340,348	\$4,366,414	\$881,445,400	\$15,599,069	1.80%

Notes:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Projected 2016–17 Allocation excludes \$15.2M unallocated funding.
- 3) In the case of Lakehead District School Board, the projected 2016–17 allocation includes \$80,000 school authority transportation funding.