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Memorandum to: Senior Business Officials

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Subject: **Update to Standardized Rider Safety Training 2020-21**

As a follow-up to Memorandum 2020: SB07, dated June 19, 2020, I am writing to provide an update on School Bus Rider Safety Training Component in the Student Transportation Grant for 2020-21.

For 2020-21, standardized school bus rider safety training for elementary students continues to be available through a contract established by the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM) with Intertrain. This program is intended to support the sector in addressing the Auditor General's recommendations for standardized school bus safety training.

Given the impact that COVID-19 has had on the 2020-21 school year, OECM and Intertrain have responded by developing an online version of the standardized on-site school bus rider safety program. The on-site and online standardized school bus rider safety training programs will be made available in English and French and have two age-targeted programs:

- Primary students (JK to Grade 3); and
- Junior/intermediate students (grades 4 to 8).

Content for the online program is the same as the on-site training. Consideration has been given to ensuring that the registration and tracking process for this online program is as streamlined for schools as possible. It is expected that the online version of the training program will be made available to all school boards beginning fall 2020.

As announced in the 2020-21 Grants for Student Needs Transportation Grant, a projected \$1.8M is being provided for this specific training of elementary students in Ontario. To ensure that school bus safety training continues in the 2020-21 school year, funding support is being extended to include this online version of training. Funding support for safety training is intended to cover training for up to 50 per cent of the boards' elementary students. The ministry used school-level enrolment data for all students up to Grade 8 to determine the projected maximum number of funded sessions. School boards and consortia will maintain decision making on program uptake, with the maximum funding available to each school board to remain the same as announced in Memorandum 2020:SB07.

Changes to the reimbursement of school boards for this training will be based on the number of actual on-site and online sessions delivered by Intertrain and reported by school boards, subject to the maximum amount established listed for each school board in Appendix B. Boards will be required to report the number of online training sessions and on-site training sessions conducted through financial reports, with the funding rates for online and on-site training session at \$244 and \$370 respectively, based on 250 students per session. It is important to note that only training programs delivered by Intertrain through this OECM contract are eligible for this safety training funding support.

For more information on the standardized school bus rider safety training, please visit the [OECM website](#). Questions about accessing this program and establishing an agreement should be directed to OECM through Mie Okawa at mie.okawa@oecm.ca or 647-289-3717. Questions about funding support should be directed to the ministry.

The ministry would like to thank OECM for their work in making this online training available. The ministry would also like to thank the OASBO Transportation Committee for input and feedback in the development of the online program.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nathania Ho, Manager (Acting), Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit, nathania.ho@ontario.ca.

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c: Directors of Education
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Appendix B: Maximum School Bus Rider Safety Training Sessions, 2020-21

DSB #	DSB Name	School Bus Rider Safety Training Sessions, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
1	District School Board Ontario North East	23
2	Algoma District School Board	33
3	Rainbow District School Board	38
4	Near North District School Board	31
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	17
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	11
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	27
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	10
7	Bluewater District School Board	44
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	38
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	75
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	56
11	Thames Valley District School Board	176
12	Toronto District School Board	555
13	Durham District School Board	153
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	85
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	41
16	York Region District School Board	261
17	Simcoe County District School Board	121
18	Upper Grand District School Board	81
19	Peel District School Board	324
20	Halton District School Board	132
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	115
22	District School Board of Niagara	88
23	Grand Erie District School Board	65
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	137
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	158
26	Upper Canada District School Board	72
27	Limestone District School Board	53
28	Renfrew County District School Board	22

DSB #	DSB Name	School Bus Rider Safety Training Sessions, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	39
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	11
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	11
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	15
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	15
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	6
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	4
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	20
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	7
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	12
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	16
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	43
38	London District Catholic School Board	49
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	26
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	206
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	37
42	York Catholic District School Board	108
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	153
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	52
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	49
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	69
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	59
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	20
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	52
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	55
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	29
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	35
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	97
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	19
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	34
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	9

DSB #	DSB Name	School Bus Rider Safety Training Sessions, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	13
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	49
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	42
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	25
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	12
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	26
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	6
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	28
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	57
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	32
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	64