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Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Senior Business Officials

From: Mehul Mehta
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Subject: **2020-21 Student Transportation Grant In-Year Adjustments**

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant.

To minimize the spread of COVID-19, the government announced that all schools were to be closed for in-person instruction from January 4 to 8, 2021. Based on the most recent data and the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the government announced gradual reopening of schools by Ontario public health units and that as of February 16, 2021, all schools in the province were permitted to resume in-person learning.

While school boards may have provided transportation for students with special education needs that continued with in-person learning when schools were closed, the Ministry of Education recognizes that there is an overall decrease in student transportation services during remote learning periods.

Adjustment Methodology

For each school day in the 2020-21 school year that school boards are required to close (starting January 4, 2021) all of their elementary and secondary schools for in-class instruction as a result of COVID-19 as per ministry/government/public health unit direction, the ministry will adjust the 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant by an estimated fuel portion of

transportation contracts. School days on which a portion of schools were closed for in-class instruction as per the direction (for example, only elementary schools were closed or schools in one region within the board jurisdiction were closed) will be excluded from the adjustment.

This adjustment is intended to reflect transportation fuel costs that are not being incurred by school boards and transportation consortia through their contracts with operators while transportation services are suspended. A board-by-board summary of the projected daily adjustment amounts is provided in Appendix A.

For school board and student transportation consortia planning purposes, the 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant will be adjusted using the methodology outlined below:

$$2020 - 21 \text{ Student Transportation Grant Base Allocation}^1 \div 194 \text{ days} \times 0.12 \\ = \text{Daily Adjustment Amount}$$

$$\text{Daily Adjustment Amount} \times \text{Number of days of required remote learning} \\ = \text{Total 2020 - 21 Student Transportation Grant Adjustment Amount}$$

Note: The fuel funding reduction will only be applied to school boards in which **all** elementary and secondary schools are required to shift to remote learning as per ministry/government/public health unit direction. This is to recognize transportation system integration between panels and between schools.

For consistency, the ministry will also suspend the fuel escalator/de-escalator for the number of days that all schools are closed for in-person instruction in each month.

To recognize some schools were open so that in-person instruction of students with special education needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning and transportation routes were running, allowance is being made for revisions to the adjustment amount derived using the methodology noted above. To propose revisions, school boards will be asked to fill out the attached template and submit it to Student.Transportation@ontario.ca by March 31, 2021.

As noted in 2020:B22: 2020-21 Grants for Student Needs Funding Stabilization, adjustments will be applied to the funding stabilization calculation to accommodate policy decisions, such as this change to the Student Transportation Grant, that have been made after Grants for Student Needs Projections and Estimates submissions. The adjustment for this change to the Student Transportation Grant will be reflected in the Education Finance Information System (EFIS) for the 2020-21 Financial Statements.

¹ 2020-21 Base Allocation for Student Transportation is the 2020-21 Transportation Allocation less the Amounts for Fuel Escalation/De-escalation, School Bus Rider Safety Training, Provincial or Demonstration Schools.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nathania Ho, Manager (Acting),
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Sincerely,

Original signed by

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c: Transportation Consortia Managers

Appendix A: Projected 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant Daily Fuel Adjustment Amounts

DSB #	DSB Name	2020-21 Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$5,226
2	Algoma District School Board	\$5,757
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$8,825
4	Near North District School Board	\$7,487
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$3,259
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$2,019
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$4,131
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,014
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$9,113
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$7,817
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$8,718
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$8,288
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$29,265
12	Toronto District School Board	\$38,950
13	Durham District School Board	\$14,659
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$13,423
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$9,656
16	York Region District School Board	\$26,692
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$13,464
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$12,378
19	Peel District School Board	\$29,686
20	Halton District School Board	\$10,882
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$9,903
22	District School Board of Niagara	\$12,668
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$8,076
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$11,266
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$26,653
26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$20,281
27	Limestone District School Board	\$10,129
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$5,470
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$9,074
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$2,063
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	\$2,268
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	\$2,338
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	\$3,951

DSB #	DSB Name	2020-21 Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$857
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$721
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	\$3,511
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	\$344
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$2,799
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	\$3,498
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$5,844
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$10,542
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	\$4,322
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$20,421
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	\$7,458
42	York Catholic District School Board	\$11,651
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	\$13,008
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$8,144
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$5,513
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$5,683
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$4,825
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$2,775
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$4,407
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$6,696
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$3,508
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$11,715
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$16,152
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$3,242
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$7,095
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$1,340
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$2,047
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	\$12,861
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$9,876
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$4,319
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	\$2,347
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$4,319
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$574
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	\$6,477
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	\$17,991
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$7,226
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$12,304

