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**Memorandum to:** Senior Business Officials

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**Subject:** **Student Transportation – Grants for Student Needs, 2021-22**

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As a follow-up to Memorandum 2021: B08, dated May 4, 2021, I am writing to provide details on the 2021-22 Student Transportation Grant which is projected to be about \$1,077.6 million.

In addition to the funding that will be flowed through the Student Transportation Grant component of the Grants for Student Needs (GSN), there will be an additional \$65.5M for student transportation related to COVID funding supports for enhanced cleaning protocols and other safety measures in student transportation. More information about this funding can be found in 2021:B07 – Planning for the 2021-22 School Year memo.

### **GSN Funding**

#### **Transportation to Provincial and Demonstration Schools**

As in prior years, funding to cover expenditures for transportation to Provincial and Demonstration schools will be based on expenditures reported by school boards, as approved by the ministry. School boards may report these expenses through financial reports and receive direct reimbursement with expenditure approval.

### **Enrolment Adjustment**

The ministry is continuing the student transportation review with the goal to achieve a more effective, accountable and needs-based student transportation system through a targeted

advisory group to gather input on funding, consortia model and operations, and procurement. Details on further work related to the student transportation review will be communicated in the future.

For the 2021-22 school year, the Student Transportation Grant will be maintained at prior years' funding level with adjustments to reflect enrolment growth resulting in a projected investment of about \$14 million. To maintain stability in funding, school boards with declining enrolment will not see any negative adjustment.

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

Similar to prior years, the fuel escalator and de-escalator component will provide some stability in funding to school boards for actual fuel prices (posted on [Government of Ontario website](#), net of HST) that fall outside a corridor around pegged prices from September to June. This funding adjustment, which could result in an increase or decrease depending on the trends in fuel prices during the year, will be applied to a board's transportation allocation following the submission of 2021-22 financial statements. Additional details on this methodology can be found in the 2021-22 GSN Technical Paper.

### **School Bus Rider Safety Training Component**

The total Student Transportation Grant includes about \$1.7 million for School Bus Rider Safety Training. The standardized training for elementary students continues to be available in English and French through a contract established by the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM) with Intertrain. It is important to note that only training programs delivered by Intertrain through this OECM contract are eligible for this safety training funding support.

Funding allocation for this training component is based on the following:

- Projected number of funded sessions, based on 250 students per session, to cover up to 50 per cent of each boards' elementary students in 2021-22. Column F of Appendix A lists the number of projected sessions for each board.
- Reimbursement rate of \$370 for each on-site session and \$244 for each online training session. Projected amount in column D of Appendix A assumes that all sessions in column F are on-site sessions. Actual funding will be based on the number of on-site and/or online sessions delivered. Boards will be required to report the number of on-site and online training sessions conducted through 2021-22 financial statements.

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](mailto:mie.okawa@oecm.ca) or 647-289-3717.

### **COVID Health and Safety Supports for Student Transportation**

As noted above, the Ministry is providing a total of \$65.5 million through Priorities and Partnership Funding (PPF). This funding, which is in addition to the Student Transportation

Grant in the GSN, is intended to support enhanced cleaning protocols (e.g., additional labour, supplies), to assist in reducing the number of students on school buses to support physical distancing, and to address other pressures school boards may face in transporting students as a result of COVID-19 for the 2021-22 school year.

At this time, school boards are directed to budget for approximately half of these resources to support the first half of the school year. The ministry will confirm the use of the remaining resources, if needed for the second half of the year, in the Fall, pending vaccine distribution across the province and public health advice. More information about this funding can be found in 2021:B07 – Planning for the 2021-22 School Year memo.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nathania Ho, Manager (Acting), Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit, at (416) 995-2261 or [nathania.ho@ontario.ca](mailto:nathania.ho@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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## Appendix A - Projected Student Transportation Grant In 2021-22 GSN

DSB #	DSB Name	A 2020-21 Base (NOTE 1)	B Enrolment Adjustment	C Provincial and Demonstration Schools (NOTE 2)	D School Bus Rider Safety Training (NOTE 3)	E = A+B+C+D	F Number of Projected Sessions for Bus Rider Safety Training
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$8,350,460	\$0	\$0	\$8,880	\$8,359,340	24
2	Algoma District School Board	\$9,306,862	\$0	\$0	\$11,840	\$9,318,702	32
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$14,266,335	\$0	\$0	\$13,690	\$14,280,025	37
4	Near North District School Board	\$11,863,867	\$272,869	\$0	\$11,840	\$12,148,576	32
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$5,140,951	\$251,907	\$0	\$6,290	\$5,399,148	17
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$3,263,255	\$0	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,267,325	11
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$6,679,020	\$26,716	\$0	\$9,620	\$6,795,356	26
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,638,754	\$40,969	\$0	\$3,330	\$1,683,053	9
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$14,733,350	\$162,067	\$0	\$16,280	\$14,911,697	44
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$12,638,103	\$0	\$297,625	\$14,060	\$12,949,788	38
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$14,094,794	\$0	\$0	\$27,380	\$14,122,174	74
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$13,399,684	\$348,392	\$81,000	\$20,720	\$13,849,796	56
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$47,311,326	\$2,460,189	\$604,976	\$65,490	\$50,441,981	177
12	Toronto District School Board	\$62,969,520	\$377,817	\$280,302	\$202,020	\$63,829,659	546
13	Durham District School Board	\$23,698,633	\$94,795	\$0	\$56,980	\$23,850,408	154
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$21,701,193	\$1,085,060	\$114,228	\$31,820	\$22,932,301	86
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$15,609,856	\$0	\$0	\$15,170	\$15,625,026	41
16	York Region District School Board	\$43,152,248	\$0	\$45,000	\$95,830	\$43,293,078	259
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$21,766,117	\$261,193	\$0	\$43,290	\$22,070,600	117
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$20,010,717	\$460,246	\$220,000	\$30,340	\$20,721,303	82
19	Peel District School Board	\$47,992,188	\$143,977	\$559,369	\$116,920	\$48,812,454	316

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20	Halton District School Board	\$17,592,110	\$87,961	\$294,000	\$49,210	\$18,023,281	133
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$16,010,183	\$544,346	\$384,538	\$41,070	\$16,980,137	111
22	District School Board of Niagara	\$20,479,479	\$839,659	\$0	\$32,560	\$21,351,698	88
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$13,056,069	\$261,121	\$579,107	\$23,680	\$13,919,977	64
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$18,213,227	\$127,493	\$349,295	\$49,950	\$18,739,965	135
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$43,088,369	\$215,442	\$0	\$58,460	\$43,362,271	158
26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$32,786,864	\$32,787	\$0	\$26,270	\$32,845,921	71
27	Limestone District School Board	\$16,375,814	\$212,886	\$152,000	\$19,610	\$16,760,310	53
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$8,843,889	\$203,409	\$0	\$8,510	\$9,055,808	23
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$14,669,330	\$513,427	\$229,400	\$14,800	\$15,426,957	40
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$3,334,790	\$26,678	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,365,538	11
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	\$3,666,923	\$14,668	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,685,661	11
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	\$3,779,644	\$0	\$0	\$5,550	\$3,785,194	15
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	\$6,388,108	\$0	\$0	\$5,180	\$6,393,288	14
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$1,384,837	\$26,312	\$0	\$1,850	\$1,412,999	5
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$1,165,721	\$0	\$0	\$1,480	\$1,167,201	4
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	\$5,676,210	\$0	\$0	\$7,400	\$5,683,610	20
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	\$555,681	\$0	\$0	\$2,590	\$558,271	7
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$4,524,672	\$131,215	\$0	\$4,440	\$4,660,327	12
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	\$5,655,673	\$96,146	\$0	\$5,920	\$5,757,739	16
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$9,447,778	\$0	\$0	\$15,910	\$9,463,688	43
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$17,043,322	\$68,173	\$51,000	\$17,760	\$17,180,255	48
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	\$6,987,587	\$111,801	\$252,651	\$8,880	\$7,360,919	24

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40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$33,014,119	\$165,071	\$89,180	\$75,480	\$33,343,850	204
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	\$12,057,651	\$277,326	\$0	\$13,690	\$12,348,667	37
42	York Catholic District School Board	\$18,835,982	\$0	\$67,543	\$38,110	\$18,941,635	103
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	\$21,030,230	\$0	\$281,638	\$54,760	\$21,366,628	148
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$13,165,357	\$171,150	\$0	\$19,240	\$13,355,747	52
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$8,913,255	\$0	\$0	\$17,760	\$8,931,015	48
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$9,187,856	\$211,321	\$144,000	\$24,790	\$9,567,967	67
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$7,800,455	\$132,608	\$138,185	\$22,200	\$8,093,448	60
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$4,486,226	\$112,156	\$0	\$7,400	\$4,605,782	20
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$7,124,491	\$377,598	\$105,693	\$19,610	\$7,627,392	53
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$10,826,007	\$0	\$93,431	\$20,350	\$10,939,788	55
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$5,670,808	\$187,137	\$0	\$11,100	\$5,869,044	30
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$18,938,946	\$492,413	\$0	\$13,320	\$19,444,679	36
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$26,112,454	\$443,912	\$0	\$35,890	\$26,592,256	97
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$5,212,530	\$99,038	\$0	\$7,030	\$5,318,598	19
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$11,469,461	\$137,634	\$64,338	\$12,580	\$11,684,013	34
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$2,166,232	\$108,312	\$0	\$3,330	\$2,277,873	9
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$3,309,426	\$0	\$0	\$4,810	\$3,314,236	13
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	\$20,791,223	\$374,242	\$0	\$18,500	\$21,183,965	50
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$15,966,635	\$287,399	\$0	\$15,170	\$16,269,204	41
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$6,982,831	\$0	\$0	\$9,250	\$6,992,081	25
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	\$3,793,648	\$110,016	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,907,734	11
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$6,981,887	\$27,928	\$0	\$9,250	\$7,019,065	25

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62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$927,732	\$76,074	\$0	\$2,220	\$1,006,026	6
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	\$10,470,979	\$0	\$0	\$10,360	\$10,481,339	28
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	\$29,085,685	\$29,086	\$0	\$20,720	\$29,135,491	56
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$11,682,218	\$93,458	\$0	\$11,840	\$11,787,516	32
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$19,891,457	\$238,697	\$579,197	\$22,940	\$20,732,291	62

## Notes

- 1) 2021-22 Base Allocation for Student Transportation refers to the 2020-21 Student Transportation Allocation Amount for Enrolment Adjustment as of 2020-21 Revised Estimates (subject to change pending receipt of 2020-21 Financial Statements). This excludes any fuel-related adjustments noted in memo 2021: SB02 that will be reflected in 2020-21 Financial Statements impacting 2020-21 school year only and will not be carried into the 2021-22 school year.
- 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 the responsibilities to plan and deliver provincial school transportation. Figures are as of 2020-21 Revised Estimates (subject to change pending receipt of 2020-21 Financial Statements).
- 3) Safety Training Amount includes an estimated expenditure amount for each school board.

