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Memorandum to: Senior Business Officials

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

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 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.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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

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|-------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| DSB # | DSB Name | 2020-21 Base (NOTE 1) | Enrolment Adjustment | Provincial and Demonstration Schools (NOTE 2) | School Bus Rider Safety Training (NOTE 3) | PROJECTED 2021-22 ALLOCATION | 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.

