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**Memorandum to:** Directors of Education  
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**Subject:** **Update on 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant In-Year Adjustments**

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

On June 2, 2021, the government announced that remote learning would continue for all elementary and secondary students across the province for the remainder of this school year. With this decision, the Ministry of Education is in a position to confirm the number of days when schools were closed for in-class instruction from January 4, 2021 to the end of the school year, which is listed in Appendix A below.

**Adjustment to Student Transportation Grant for Fuel-Related Costs**

As previously communicated in Memorandum 2021: SB02, for each school day that school boards are required to close 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 Student Transportation Grant will be adjusted by an estimated fuel portion of transportation contracts.

The adjustment to the Student Transportation Grant will recognize that some transportation routes continued to operate for in-person instruction for students with special education needs. The adjustment, noted in Appendix A, is based on the following methodology:

Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment Amount × Number of Days for Fuel Adjustment ×  
 (100% - Average Percentage of Daily Routes Reported Operating for Special Education Needs)

Component	Description
Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment Amount (see Appendix A – Column A)	<p>As noted in Memorandum 2021: SB02, this is based on 2020-21 Transportation Base Allocation, which excludes allocation for fuel escalation/de-escalation, school bus rider safety training and Provincial or Demonstration Schools.</p> <p>The base allocation and the daily adjustment amount will be updated to reflect final year-end average daily enrolment (ADE) reported through the 2020-21 Financial Statements.</p>
Number of Days for Fuel Adjustment (see Appendix A – Column B)	<p>As noted in Memorandum 2021:SB02, this reflects the number of school days on which all schools of the school board were closed for in-class instruction as per government/ministry/public health unit.</p> <p>Schools days on which a portion of schools were closed for in-class instruction (for example, only elementary schools were closed or schools in on region within the board jurisdiction were closed) are excluded.</p>
Average Percentage of Daily Routes Reported Operating for Special Education Needs (see Appendix A – Column C)	<p>This is to recognize that transportation routes were running to allow for some schools to offer in-person instruction of students with special needs who cannot be accommodated through remote learning.</p> <p>This will be based on school boards’ report on the average percentage of daily routes that were running to accommodate these students during school closure days. The data collected on routes for the period of January and February 2021 will be used as a proxy for the duration of the 2020-21 school year.</p>

The final year-end fuel-related adjustment amount will be updated to reflect any changes to the base allocation due to final year-end ADE reported through the 2020-21 Financial Statements as noted above.

As noted in the 2021-22 GSN in Memorandum 2021: SB07, this adjustment for fuel-related costs is a one-time adjustment for 2020-21 allocation and will not impact the 2021-22 Student Transportation Grant.

## **Fuel Escalator/De-escalator for 2020-21**

For consistency, the ministry will also suspend the fuel escalator/de-escalator over this period for the number of days that all schools are closed for in-person instruction. As with previous years, a fuel escalator/de-escalator mechanism is included in the 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant to adjust for fuel price fluctuations over the school year and is triggered if monthly fuel prices are above or below the pegged fuel price and related corridor.

For the purposes of the fuel adjustment in 2020-21, from January to June, the suspension to the fuel escalator/de-escalator will be based on the monthly fuel escalation/de-escalation (if any) and adjusted by the number of days per month in which schools were open for in class instruction (i.e., 1 – number of days schools were closed out of the total school days in a month as detailed in Appendix B).

**Note:** The elements set out in this memo can only take effect if certain amendments to the 2020-21 Grants for Student Needs regulations are made by the Minister of Education or Lieutenant Governor in Council under the Education Act or other legislation as required. Such regulations have not yet been made. Therefore, the content of this memo should be considered to be subject to such regulations, if and when made.

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: 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant- Estimated Fuel Adjustment Amounts for January to June 2021**

<b>DSB #</b>	<b>DSB Name</b>	<b>A Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment</b>	<b>B Number of Days for Fuel Adjustment for January to June 2021</b>	<b>C Average Percentage of Daily Routes Reported Operating for Special Education Needs</b>	<b>A x B x (1 - C) Estimated Total Fuel Adjustment</b>
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$5,175	54	9.6%	\$252,623
2	Algoma District School Board	\$5,836	54	12.4%	\$276,066
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$8,825	71	4.9%	\$595,873
4	Near North District School Board	\$7,440	54	8.6%	\$367,209
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$3,174	54	2.4%	\$167,282
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$2,017	54	11.8%	\$96,066
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$4,131	81		\$334,611
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,014	54	6.5%	\$51,197
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$9,131	64		\$584,384
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$7,817	74	15.2%	\$490,532
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$8,718	74	22.3%	\$501,268
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$8,279	74	17.2%	\$507,271
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$29,265	69	24.6%	\$1,522,541
12	Toronto District School Board	\$38,950	82	61.8%	\$1,220,070
13	Durham District School Board	\$14,659	74	24.3%	\$821,168
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$13,604	64	17.5%	\$718,291
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$9,656	64	14.1%	\$530,848
16	York Region District School Board	\$26,692	79	12.5%	\$1,845,085
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$13,232	74	21.4%	\$769,626
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$12,582	77	22.9%	\$746,956
19	Peel District School Board	\$29,713	83	30.4%	\$1,716,461
20	Halton District School Board	\$10,882	74	32.8%	\$541,140
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$9,903	74	45.5%	\$399,388

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22	District School Board of Niagara	\$12,668	74	38.6%	\$575,583
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$8,076	74	21.1%	\$471,525
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$11,266	74	50.3%	\$414,341
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$26,598	69	56.5%	\$798,339
26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$20,281	64	13.6%	\$1,121,458
27	Limestone District School Board	\$10,129	64	18.9%	\$525,736
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$5,470	64	26.0%	\$259,059
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$9,095	64	22.2%	\$452,858
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$2,064	54	0.0%	\$111,456
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	\$2,268	54	1.9%	\$120,145
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	\$2,338	54	9.2%	\$114,637
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	\$3,985	71		\$282,935
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$855	54		\$46,170
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$721	54	0.0%	\$38,934
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	\$3,511	81		\$284,391
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	\$349	54	0.0%	\$18,846
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$2,983	64		\$190,912
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	\$3,498	74	1.8%	\$254,193
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$5,844	74	25.1%	\$323,910
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$10,525	69	21.4%	\$570,813
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	\$4,322	74	18.4%	\$260,980
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$20,421	82	34.1%	\$1,103,510
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	\$7,458	64	6.2%	\$447,719
42	York Catholic District School Board	\$12,013	79	5.0%	\$901,576
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	\$13,008	77	29.3%	\$708,143

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44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$8,144	54	14.9%	\$374,249
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$5,513	74	6.7%	\$380,629
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$5,678	74	15.1%	\$356,726
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$4,841	74	19.3%	\$289,095
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$2,775	77	28.6%	\$152,564
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$4,413	74	46.3%	\$175,364
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$6,696	74	28.3%	\$355,276
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$3,508	74	16.6%	\$216,500
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$11,715	64	11.1%	\$666,537
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$16,152	69	42.6%	\$639,716
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$3,224	64	26.3%	\$152,070
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$7,095	64	21.1%	\$358,269
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$1,346	54	0.0%	\$72,684
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$2,057	54	0.0%	\$111,078
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	\$12,823	69	5.4%	\$837,009
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$9,876	64	18.5%	\$515,132
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$4,319	54	0.0%	\$233,226
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	\$2,347	54	7.3%	\$117,486
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$4,319	54	0.0%	\$233,226
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$572	54	0.0%	\$30,888
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	\$6,477	64	4.1%	\$397,532
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	\$17,991	64	6.7%	\$1,074,279
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$7,129	69	33.8%	\$325,638
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$12,142	64	14.0%	\$668,296

**Note:** The final Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment amount and any impacts on the fuel escalator/de-escalator suspension will be based on the 2020-21 financial reporting.

**Appendix B: 2020-21 Fuel Escalator/De-Escalator Adjustment - Total Number of School Days and Number of Days for Fuel Adjustment - by Month for January to June 2021**

		Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021
<b>Total Number of School Days</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>DSB #</b>	<b>DSB Name</b>	<b>Jan 2021</b>	<b>Feb 2021</b>	<b>Mar 2021</b>	<b>Apr 2021</b>	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>Jun 2021</b>
1	District School Board Ontario North East	5	-	-	10	20	19
2	Algoma District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
3	Rainbow District School Board	5	-	13	14	20	19
4	Near North District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	5	-	23	14	20	19
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
7	Bluewater District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
11	Thames Valley District School Board	20	-	-	10	20	19
12	Toronto District School Board	20	10	-	13	20	19
13	Durham District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
16	York Region District School Board	20	10	-	10	20	19
17	Simcoe County District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
18	Upper Grand District School Board	20	5	-	13	20	19
19	Peel District School Board	20	10	-	14	20	19
20	Halton District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
22	District School Board of Niagara	20	5	-	10	20	19
23	Grand Erie District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19

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24	Waterloo Region District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	20	-	-	10	20	19
26	Upper Canada District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
27	Limestone District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
28	Renfrew County District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	5	-	13	14	20	19
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	5	-	23	14	20	19
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
38	London District Catholic School Board	20	-	-	10	20	19
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	20	10	-	13	20	19
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
42	York Catholic District School Board	20	10	-	10	20	19
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	13	20	19
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	5	-	-	10	20	19
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19



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47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	13	20	19
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	20	5	-	10	20	19
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	15	-	-	10	20	19
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	20	-	-	10	20	19
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	15	-	-	10	20	19
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	5	-	-	10	20	19
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	5	-	-	10	20	19
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	20	-	-	10	20	19
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	15	-	-	10	20	19
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	5	-	-	10	20	19
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	5	-	-	10	20	19
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	5	-	-	10	20	19
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	5	-	-	10	20	19
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	15	-	-	10	20	19
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	15	-	-	10	20	19
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	20	-	-	10	20	19
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	15	-	-	10	20	19