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Memorandum to: Directors of Education
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Subject: **2021-22 Student Transportation Grant In-Year Adjustment for Fuel-Related Costs**

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the 2021-22 Student Transportation Grant.

The government of Ontario announced a range of time-limited public health actions to help curb the spread of COVID-19 variants in Ontario. On December 30, 2021, the Chief Medical Officer of Health announced that schools that were scheduled to return on January 3rd would resume instruction starting January 5th. Subsequently, on January 3, 2022, the government announced that students would pivot to remote learning between January 5th and 14th with in-person instruction to resume starting January 17th.

While elementary and secondary students were learning remotely, student transportation services were only provided for special needs students who could not be accommodated through remote learning based on student needs.

Adjustment to Student Transportation Grant for Fuel-Related Costs

For each school day in the 2021-22 school year 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 ministry will adjust the 2021-22 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, where 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.

For school board and student transportation consortia planning purposes, the 2021-22 Student Transportation Grant will be adjusted using the methodology outlined below:

$$\text{Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment Amount} \times \text{Number of Days for Fuel Adjustment} \times (100\% - \text{Average Percentage of Daily Routes Reported Operating for Special Education Needs})$$

Component	Description
Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment Amount (see Appendix A)	This is based on 2021-22 Transportation Base Allocation, which excludes allocation for fuel escalation/de-escalation, school bus rider safety training and Provincial or Demonstration Schools. The base allocation and the daily adjustment amount will be updated to reflect final year-end average daily enrolment (ADE) reported through the 2021-22 Financial Statements.
Number of Days for Fuel Adjustment	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 starting January 3 rd , 2022.
Average Percentage of Daily Routes Reported Operating for Special Education Needs	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 starting January 5 th , 2022.

Fuel Escalator/De-escalator for 2021-22

The ministry will also suspend the fuel escalator/de-escalator 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 2021-22 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 2021-22, 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).

Reporting

Similar to the approach for the 2020-21 school year, school boards will be asked to report the average number of routes operating for students with special education needs that could not be accommodated through remote learning when schools were closed for in-person learning. Details on the reporting of this information will be provided by the ministry shortly.

Note: The elements set out in this memo can only take effect if certain amendments to the 2021-22 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 amendments have not yet been made. Therefore, the content of this memo should be considered to be subject to such amendments, if and when made.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Nathania Ho, Manager, Student Transportation Unit, at (416) 995-2261 or nathania.ho@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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c: Transportation Consortia Managers

Appendix A: Projected 2021-22 Student Transportation Grant Daily Fuel Adjustment Amounts

DSB #	DSB Name	2021-22 Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$5,099
2	Algoma District School Board	\$5,836
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$8,825
4	Near North District School Board	\$7,559
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$3,276
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$2,017
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$4,156
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,014
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$9,176
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$7,817
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$8,718
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$8,330
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$29,499
12	Toronto District School Board	\$38,950
13	Durham District School Board	\$14,723
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$13,917
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$9,656
16	York Region District School Board	\$26,692
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$13,391
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$12,695
19	Peel District School Board	\$29,802
20	Halton District School Board	\$10,991
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$10,042
22	District School Board of Niagara	\$13,149
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$8,076
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$11,356
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$26,811
26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$20,281
27	Limestone District School Board	\$10,129
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$5,509
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$9,146
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$2,064
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	\$3,985

DSB #	DSB Name	2021-22 Estimated Daily Fuel Adjustment
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$860
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$742
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	\$3,511
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	\$349
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$2,858
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	\$3,544
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$5,844
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$10,936
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	\$12,013
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	\$13,008
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$8,127
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$5,513
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$5,724
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$4,873
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$2,800
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$4,510
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$6,696
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$3,595
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$11,867
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$16,498
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$3,231
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$7,095
56	Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$1,346
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$2,057
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	\$13,054
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$10,054
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$4,319
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	\$2,349
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$4,319
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$593
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	\$6,529
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	\$18,009
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$7,285
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$12,452