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Memorandum to: Senior Business Officials

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Subject: **Student Transportation – Grants for Student Needs 2022-23**

As a follow-up to memorandum 2022:B03, 2022-23 Grants for Student Needs Funding (GSN), I am writing to provide details on the 2022-23 Student Transportation Grant.

The ministry recognizes the importance of student transportation services for students and families and is committed to helping school boards deliver safe, effective, and efficient transportation services. For the 2022-23 school year, student transportation funding is projected to be about \$1,107.4 million.

The ministry is continuing the student transportation review with the goal to achieve a more effective, accountable and needs-based student transportation system. Building on the work to date, the ministry is exploring a potential funding option centered on a needs-based funding approach to improve consistency in student transportation funding across the province. Additional details will be communicated to the sector in the near future.

GSN Funding

Enrolment Adjustment

For the 2022-23 school year, the Student Transportation Grant will be maintained at prior years' funding level with adjustments to reflect enrolment growth. To maintain stability in funding, school boards with declining enrolment will not see any negative adjustment.

Cost Update

For 2022-23, Student Transportation Grant will provide for a cost update amount of 2.0%. This amount is currently not reflected in the board-by-board allocations and is included in the Student Transportation Grant line as committed but unallocated. An update on the distribution of funding will be provided at later time.

Fuel Escalator and De-escalator Component

Similar to prior years, the fuel escalator and de-escalator component will provide 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 2022-23 financial statements. Additional details on this methodology can be found in the 2022-23 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 in-person sessions, based on 250 students per session, to cover at least 50 per cent of each boards' elementary students in 2022-23.
- Reimbursement rate of \$370 and \$244 for each in-person and online training session respectively.
- Column F of Appendix A lists the number of projected in-person sessions for each board.
- 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 2022-23 financial statements.
- If rider safety training sessions are conducted virtually for 2022-23 as has been the case in the recent years, boards will be able to train more than 50 per cent of their elementary students.

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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c: Directors of Education
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Appendix A - Projected Student Transportation Grant In 2022-23 GSN

DSB #	DSB Name	A 2021-22 Base (NOTE 1)	B Enrolment Adjustment	C Provincial and Demonstration Schools (NOTE 2)	D School Bus Rider Safety Training	E = A+B+C+D PROJECTED 2022-23 ALLOCATION (NOTE 3)	F Number of Projected Sessions for Bus Rider Safety Training (NOTE 4)
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$8,845,697	\$0	\$0	\$8,880	\$8,854,577	24
2	Algoma District School Board	\$9,868,518	\$0	\$0	\$11,470	\$9,879,988	31
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$14,708,591	\$0	\$0	\$12,950	\$14,721,541	35
4	Near North District School Board	\$12,497,191	\$12,497	\$0	\$11,470	\$12,521,158	31
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$5,326,945	\$229,059	\$0	\$6,290	\$5,562,294	17
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$3,171,734	\$0	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,175,804	11
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$6,926,144	\$0	\$0	\$9,250	\$7,015,394	25
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,639,867	\$0	\$0	\$3,700	\$1,643,567	10
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$15,410,967	\$323,630	\$0	\$16,650	\$15,751,248	45
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$12,638,103	\$0	\$287,404	\$14,060	\$12,939,567	38
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$14,122,984	\$0	\$0	\$27,750	\$14,150,734	75
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$13,691,798	\$219,069	\$134,046	\$20,720	\$14,065,633	56
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$48,873,195	\$830,844	\$559,454	\$65,860	\$50,329,353	178
12	Toronto District School Board	\$62,969,520	\$0	\$258,317	\$194,990	\$63,422,827	527
13	Durham District School Board	\$24,205,497	\$0	\$0	\$58,460	\$24,263,957	158
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$23,159,346	\$1,134,808	\$116,003	\$32,930	\$24,443,087	89
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$16,078,152	\$0	\$0	\$15,540	\$16,093,692	42
16	York Region District School Board	\$43,152,248	\$0	\$51,000	\$93,610	\$43,296,858	253
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$21,298,451	\$532,461	\$0	\$44,400	\$21,875,312	120
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$20,747,671	\$165,981	\$220,000	\$30,340	\$21,163,992	82
19	Peel District School Board	\$48,035,745	\$0	\$560,038	\$115,070	\$48,710,853	311
20	Halton District School Board	\$17,767,505	\$0	\$351,800	\$49,210	\$18,168,515	133
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$16,243,002	\$178,673	\$343,000	\$40,330	\$16,805,005	109

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22	District School Board of Niagara	\$21,342,730	\$490,883	\$46,800	\$33,670	\$21,914,083	91
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$13,395,527	\$254,515	\$433,226	\$24,050	\$14,107,318	65
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$18,213,227	\$109,279	\$381,200	\$49,580	\$18,753,286	134
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$43,602,228	\$436,022	\$0	\$59,570	\$44,097,820	161
26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$33,540,962	\$536,655	\$0	\$26,270	\$34,103,887	71
27	Limestone District School Board	\$16,523,328	\$148,710	\$157,000	\$19,610	\$16,848,647	53
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$9,056,142	\$54,337	\$0	\$8,880	\$9,119,359	24
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$15,144,357	\$181,732	\$275,000	\$14,800	\$15,615,889	40
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$3,529,606	\$24,707	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,558,384	11
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	\$3,751,212	\$67,522	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,822,804	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	\$6,596,897	\$0	\$0	\$5,550	\$6,602,447	15
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$1,382,087	\$9,675	\$0	\$1,850	\$1,393,612	5
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$1,211,184	\$4,845	\$0	\$1,480	\$1,217,509	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	\$561,964	\$0	\$0	\$2,590	\$564,554	7
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$4,943,121	\$9,886	\$0	\$4,440	\$4,957,447	12
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	\$5,706,574	\$0	\$0	\$5,920	\$5,712,494	16
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$9,447,778	\$0	\$0	\$15,540	\$9,463,318	42
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$17,866,528	\$428,797	\$225,159	\$18,500	\$18,538,984	50
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	\$6,987,587	\$153,727	\$144,249	\$8,880	\$7,294,443	24
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$32,988,548	\$0	\$184,846	\$73,630	\$33,247,024	199
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	\$12,117,939	\$0	\$0	\$13,320	\$12,131,259	36
42	York Catholic District School Board	\$19,421,015	\$0	\$0	\$37,370	\$19,458,385	101

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43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	\$21,030,230	\$0	\$234,426	\$51,060	\$21,315,716	138
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$13,283,571	\$385,224	\$0	\$19,980	\$13,688,774	54
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$8,913,255	\$8,913	\$0	\$18,130	\$8,940,298	49
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$8,975,760	\$116,685	\$138,000	\$24,420	\$9,254,865	66
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$7,826,881	\$31,308	\$180,000	\$21,830	\$8,060,019	59
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$4,526,120	\$140,310	\$0	\$7,770	\$4,674,199	21
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$7,319,399	\$307,415	\$114,524	\$19,980	\$7,761,318	54
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$10,945,093	\$0	\$46,800	\$19,980	\$11,011,873	54
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$5,879,561	\$99,953	\$0	\$11,100	\$5,990,613	30
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$19,147,672	\$402,101	\$0	\$13,690	\$19,563,463	37
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$26,217,317	\$183,521	\$0	\$35,890	\$26,436,728	97
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$5,389,756	\$70,067	\$0	\$7,030	\$5,466,853	19
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$11,595,625	\$0	\$80,000	\$12,580	\$11,688,205	34
56	Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$2,175,835	\$47,868	\$0	\$3,330	\$2,227,033	9
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$3,335,644	\$6,671	\$0	\$5,180	\$3,347,495	14
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	\$20,609,021	\$103,045	\$0	\$18,130	\$20,730,196	49
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$16,190,073	\$307,611	\$0	\$15,170	\$16,512,855	41
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$7,017,745	\$0	\$0	\$8,880	\$7,026,625	24
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco- Nord	\$3,793,648	\$30,349	\$0	\$4,440	\$3,828,437	12
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$6,981,887	\$0	\$0	\$8,880	\$6,990,767	24
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$940,720	\$95,013	\$0	\$2,220	\$1,037,953	6

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63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	\$10,470,979	\$10,471	\$0	\$9,990	\$10,491,440	27
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	\$29,084,625	\$0	\$0	\$19,610	\$29,104,235	53
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$11,740,117	\$23,480	\$0	\$11,470	\$11,775,067	31
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$19,891,457	\$278,480	\$595,591	\$22,570	\$20,788,098	61

Notes

- 1) 2022-23 Base Allocation for Student Transportation refers to the 2021-22 Student Transportation Allocation Amount for Enrolment Adjustment (subject to change pending receipt of 2021-22 Financial Statements).
- 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 2021-22 Revised Estimates (subject to change pending receipt of 2021-22 Financial Statements).
- 3) Amount excludes cost update of 2.0% which has not been allocated on a board by board basis at this time. In the case of Lakehead DSB, the projected 2022-23 allocation includes \$80,000 for school authority transportation funding.
- 4) Reflects number of in-person sessions for Bus Rider Safety Training.