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**Memorandum to:** Senior Business Officials

**From:** Colleen Hogan  
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**Subject:** **Student Transportation – Grants for Student Needs, 2020-21**

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As a follow-up to Memorandum 2020: B08, dated June 19, 2020, I am writing to outline the transportation funding allocations through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) in 2020-21.

### **Transportation Funding Allocations**

The total Student Transportation Grant is projected to be more than \$1 billion in 2020-21. While the Student Transportation Review is underway, the overall Student Transportation Grant will be maintained at the previous year's funding level, with adjustments for enrolment growth. A board-by-board summary of the projected allocations for 2020-21 is provided in Appendix A.

### **Enrolment Adjustment**

The Ministry of Education will provide \$12 million to support school boards with increasing enrolment. To provide stability to boards with declining enrolment, negative adjustments will not be made to transportation funding for these boards.

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

Standardized on-site school bus rider safety training for elementary students continues to be available through a contract established by the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM) with Intertrain. The availability of this standardized program is intended to support the

sector in addressing the Auditor General's recommendations for standardized school bus safety training.

The standardized school bus rider safety training is available in English and French and has two age-targeted programs:

- Primary students (JK to Grade 3); and
- Junior/intermediate students (grades 4 to 8).

To encourage use of this standardized training, the ministry is providing funding support to safety training for up to 50 per cent of the boards' elementary students in 2020-21. The ministry used school-level enrolment data for all students up to Grade 8 to determine the projected maximum number of funded sessions. Funding will be based on the actual number of training sessions conducted and as reported through financial reports, subject to the maximum number of training sessions listed for each school board in Appendix B.

It is important to note that only training programs delivered by Intertrain through this OECM contract are eligible for this safety training funding support.

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. Questions about funding support should be directed to the ministry.

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

The ministry recognizes that fuel costs for student transportation are beyond the control of boards. The fuel escalation and de-escalation mechanism provides some stability in funding for school boards. For 2020-21, the ministry will continue to use the adjusted pegged price of \$0.936 per litre for southern school boards and \$0.957 for northern school boards<sup>1</sup>.

The GSN regulation will continue to have a corridor of three per cent above and below the adjusted pegged prices. If fuel prices, as posted on the [Government of Ontario website](#) (net of HST), are above or below this corridor in any month from September to June, a funding adjustment will apply. This provision takes into consideration frequent minor fluctuations in market fuel prices that are manageable within the industry and as such, monthly fluctuations in fuel prices within the corridor will not trigger any adjustments. The net total of the monthly funding adjustments will be applied to a board's transportation allocation following the submission of boards' 2020-21 financial statements. Boards should note that this adjustment could be positive or negative.

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<sup>1</sup> All fuel rates quoted in this memorandum are net of HST.

The ministry would like to remind boards to take the potential funding changes due to fuel escalation or de-escalation into consideration when preparing their 2020-21 transportation budgets.

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

There are no changes to the funding of daily transportation to Provincial and Demonstration Schools. Transportation funding to cover expenditures for transportation to Provincial and Demonstration schools will continue to be provided 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.

### **2019-20 Student Transportation Funding Update**

The Student Transportation Grant is being reduced by \$24.8 million, which is based on the estimated fuel portion of transportation contracts in the transportation grant for the months of May and June 2020 as transportation services are suspended. For consistency, the ministry will also suspend the fuel escalator/de-escalator over May and June 2020. This fuel adjustment reflects transportation fuel costs that are not being incurred by school boards and transportation consortia through their contracts with operators while transportation services are suspended as a result of school closures and will not affect the 2020-21 Student Transportation Grant.

### **Funding Formula Review**

In January 2020, the ministry launched a review of student transportation, which aims to achieve a more equitable and needs-based student transportation system in Ontario. A targeted stakeholder advisory group has been established for the ministry to gather input on student transportation funding, consortia model and operations, and procurement.

The ministry began meeting with the advisory group in early 2020 to discuss how student transportation is funded, which is the ministry's initial focus for the review. Details on any further work related to the student transportation review or future meetings will be communicated in the near future.

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,

*Original signed by*

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## Appendix A: Projected Allocations, 2020-21

DSB #	DSB Name	2019-20 Total Allocation <b>A</b>	2019-20 Base Allocation (Excludes Provincial Schools Funding) <b>B</b>	2020-21 Adjustment for Increasing Enrolment <b>C</b>	Projected 2020-21 Provincial Schools Transportation Amount <sup>1</sup> <b>D</b>	Estimated Safety Training Amount <sup>2</sup> <b>E</b>	Projected 2020-21 Allocation <sup>3</sup> <b>F = B+C+D+E</b>	Variance from 2019-20 <b>G = F - A</b>	Percentage Variance <b>H = F / A</b>
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$8,301,071	\$8,292,561	\$91,218	\$0	\$8,510	\$8,392,289	\$91,218	1.10%
2	Algoma District School Board	\$9,355,216	\$9,344,116	\$0	\$0	\$12,210	\$9,356,326	\$1,110	0.01%
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$14,336,110	\$14,322,420	\$0	\$0	\$14,060	\$14,336,480	\$370	0.00%
4	Near North District School Board	\$12,103,634	\$12,103,634	\$0	\$0	\$11,470	\$12,115,104	\$11,470	0.09%
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$5,322,413	\$5,316,308	\$0	\$0	\$6,290	\$5,322,598	\$185	0.00%
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$3,339,324	\$3,339,324	\$0	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,343,394	\$4,070	0.12%
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$6,882,090	\$6,802,090	\$0	\$0	\$9,990	\$6,892,080	\$9,990	0.15%
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,638,754	\$1,638,754	\$0	\$0	\$3,700	\$1,642,454	\$3,700	0.23%
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$14,761,463	\$14,761,463	\$265,706	\$0	\$16,280	\$15,043,449	\$281,986	1.91%
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$12,732,478	\$12,638,103	\$0	\$80,500	\$14,060	\$12,732,663	\$185	0.00%
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$14,117,750	\$14,100,730	\$183,309	\$0	\$27,750	\$14,311,789	\$194,039	1.37%
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$13,501,404	\$13,399,684	\$214,395	\$81,000	\$20,720	\$13,715,799	\$214,395	1.59%
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$48,079,339	\$47,312,877	\$946,258	\$702,452	\$65,120	\$49,026,707	\$947,368	1.97%

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12	Toronto District School Board	\$63,390,051	\$62,903,659	\$125,807	\$280,302	\$205,350	\$63,515,118	\$125,067	0.20%
13	Durham District School Board	\$23,555,377	\$23,499,322	\$305,491	\$0	\$56,610	\$23,861,423	\$306,046	1.30%
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$22,134,227	\$21,993,682	\$505,855	\$109,835	\$31,450	\$22,640,822	\$506,595	2.29%
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$15,535,102	\$15,535,102	\$0	\$0	\$15,170	\$15,550,272	\$15,170	0.10%
16	York Region District School Board	\$43,196,064	\$43,071,064	\$904,492	\$125,000	\$96,570	\$44,197,126	\$1,001,062	2.32%
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$21,680,145	\$21,636,300	\$411,090	\$0	\$44,770	\$22,092,160	\$412,015	1.90%
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$20,234,645	\$20,010,717	\$240,129	\$223,928	\$29,970	\$20,504,744	\$270,099	1.33%
19	Peel District School Board	\$48,538,817	\$47,992,188	\$191,969	\$427,859	\$119,880	\$48,731,895	\$193,079	0.40%
20	Halton District School Board	\$17,902,334	\$17,574,903	\$87,875	\$279,146	\$48,840	\$17,990,764	\$88,430	0.49%
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$16,420,631	\$16,010,183	\$160,102	\$369,748	\$42,550	\$16,582,583	\$161,952	0.99%
22	District School Board of Niagara	\$20,532,519	\$20,460,539	\$429,671	\$39,235	\$32,560	\$20,962,006	\$429,486	2.09%
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$13,728,864	\$13,082,194	\$287,808	\$622,990	\$24,050	\$14,017,042	\$288,178	2.10%
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$18,631,353	\$18,249,661	\$72,999	\$339,142	\$50,690	\$18,712,491	\$81,139	0.44%
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$43,064,410	\$43,005,950	\$473,065	\$0	\$58,460	\$43,537,476	\$473,065	1.10%
26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$32,784,699	\$32,760,649	\$131,043	\$0	\$26,640	\$32,918,332	\$133,633	0.41%

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27	Limestone District School Board	\$16,557,590	\$16,329,050	\$48,987	\$209,300	\$19,610	\$16,606,947	\$49,357	0.30%
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$8,792,713	\$8,784,573	\$0	\$0	\$8,140	\$8,792,713	\$0	0.00%
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$15,087,447	\$14,951,447	\$0	\$136,000	\$14,430	\$15,101,877	\$14,430	0.10%
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$3,269,125	\$3,269,125	\$32,691	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,305,886	\$36,761	1.12%
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	\$3,668,416	\$3,664,346	\$18,322	\$0	\$4,070	\$3,686,738	\$18,322	0.50%
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	\$3,781,134	\$3,775,954	\$0	\$0	\$5,550	\$3,781,504	\$370	0.01%
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	\$6,364,108	\$6,358,743	\$12,717	\$0	\$5,550	\$6,377,010	\$12,902	0.20%
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$1,455,209	\$1,455,209	\$10,186	\$0	\$2,220	\$1,467,615	\$12,406	0.85%
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$1,186,484	\$1,185,744	\$23,715	\$0	\$1,480	\$1,210,939	\$24,455	2.06%
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	\$5,734,792	\$5,734,792	\$0	\$0	\$7,400	\$5,742,192	\$7,400	0.13%
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	\$545,897	\$542,937	\$8,687	\$0	\$2,590	\$554,214	\$8,317	1.52%
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$4,528,926	\$4,524,671	\$90,493	\$0	\$4,440	\$4,619,605	\$90,678	2.00%
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	\$5,660,548	\$5,654,813	\$101,787	\$0	\$5,920	\$5,762,520	\$101,972	1.80%
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$9,422,357	\$9,407,187	\$0	\$0	\$15,910	\$9,423,097	\$740	0.01%
38	London District Catholic School Board	\$17,032,436	\$17,009,302	\$425,233	\$5,189	\$18,130	\$17,457,854	\$425,418	2.50%

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39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	\$7,137,419	\$6,961,512	\$104,423	\$166,102	\$9,620	\$7,241,657	\$104,238	1.46%
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$33,302,388	\$33,136,433	\$66,273	\$89,180	\$76,220	\$33,368,106	\$65,718	0.20%
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	\$12,071,176	\$12,057,671	\$24,115	\$0	\$13,690	\$12,095,477	\$24,300	0.20%
42	York Catholic District School Board	\$18,922,052	\$18,835,982	\$0	\$67,200	\$39,960	\$18,943,142	\$21,090	0.11%
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	\$21,206,552	\$20,935,592	\$0	\$239,140	\$56,610	\$21,231,342	\$24,790	0.12%
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$13,105,599	\$13,086,914	\$300,999	\$0	\$19,240	\$13,407,153	\$301,554	2.30%
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$8,913,250	\$8,895,490	\$133,432	\$0	\$18,130	\$9,047,053	\$133,802	1.50%
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$9,313,531	\$9,187,856	\$284,824	\$100,700	\$25,530	\$9,598,909	\$285,379	3.06%
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$7,961,672	\$7,849,819	\$117,747	\$92,613	\$21,830	\$8,082,009	\$120,337	1.51%
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$4,473,738	\$4,466,523	\$62,531	\$0	\$7,400	\$4,536,454	\$62,716	1.40%
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$7,237,221	\$7,099,507	\$283,980	\$118,844	\$19,240	\$7,521,572	\$284,350	3.93%
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$10,932,988	\$10,869,378	\$0	\$44,000	\$20,350	\$10,933,728	\$740	0.01%
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$5,561,323	\$5,551,703	\$166,551	\$0	\$10,730	\$5,728,984	\$167,661	3.01%
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$18,888,873	\$18,876,478	\$528,541	\$0	\$12,950	\$19,417,970	\$529,096	2.80%
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$25,762,447	\$25,727,667	\$823,285	\$0	\$35,890	\$26,586,842	\$824,395	3.20%



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54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$5,248,437	\$5,241,407	\$62,897	\$0	\$7,030	\$5,311,334	\$62,897	1.20%
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$11,484,541	\$11,458,841	\$0	\$25,700	\$12,580	\$11,497,121	\$12,580	0.11%
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$2,070,206	\$2,070,206	\$136,634	\$0	\$3,330	\$2,210,170	\$139,964	6.76%
57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$3,359,408	\$3,354,968	\$30,195	\$0	\$4,810	\$3,389,973	\$30,565	0.91%
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	\$20,449,642	\$20,436,692	\$470,044	\$0	\$18,130	\$20,924,866	\$475,224	2.32%
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$15,824,110	\$15,809,865	\$679,824	\$0	\$15,540	\$16,505,229	\$681,119	4.30%
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$7,094,390	\$7,094,390	\$0	\$0	\$9,250	\$7,103,640	\$9,250	0.13%
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	\$3,833,134	\$3,833,134	\$7,666	\$0	\$4,440	\$3,845,241	\$12,106	0.32%
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$7,195,391	\$7,185,956	\$0	\$0	\$9,620	\$7,195,576	\$185	0.00%
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$989,527	\$987,862	\$45,442	\$0	\$2,220	\$1,035,524	\$45,997	4.65%
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	\$10,603,346	\$10,592,431	\$0	\$0	\$10,360	\$10,602,791	-\$555	-0.01%
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	\$29,106,405	\$29,085,685	\$290,857	\$0	\$21,090	\$29,397,632	\$291,227	1.00%
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$11,693,873	\$11,682,218	\$151,869	\$0	\$11,840	\$11,845,927	\$152,054	1.30%
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$20,333,731	\$19,733,587	\$434,139	\$577,204	\$23,680	\$20,768,610	\$434,879	2.14%
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,042,963,838</b>	<b>\$1,035,911,839</b>	<b>\$12,007,369</b>	<b>\$5,552,309</b>	<b>\$1,758,610</b>	<b>\$1,055,310,127</b>	<b>\$12,346,289</b>	<b>1.18%</b>

**Notes:**

- 1) 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.
- 2) Safety Training Amount includes an estimated expenditure amount for each school board.
- 3) Projected 2020-21 Allocation excludes \$19.8M unallocated funding.
- 4) In the case of Lakehead DSB, the projected 2020-21 allocation includes \$80,000 school authority transportation funding.

## Appendix B: Maximum School Bus Rider Safety Training Sessions, 2020-21

DSB #	DSB Name	School Bus Rider Safety Training Sessions, Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8
1	District School Board Ontario North East	23
2	Algoma District School Board	33
3	Rainbow District School Board	38
4	Near North District School Board	31
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	17
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	11
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	27
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	10
7	Bluewater District School Board	44
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	38
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	75
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	56
11	Thames Valley District School Board	176
12	Toronto District School Board	555
13	Durham District School Board	153
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	85
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	41
16	York Region District School Board	261
17	Simcoe County District School Board	121
18	Upper Grand District School Board	81
19	Peel District School Board	324
20	Halton District School Board	132
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	115
22	District School Board of Niagara	88
23	Grand Erie District School Board	65
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	137
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	158
26	Upper Canada District School Board	72
27	Limestone District School Board	53
28	Renfrew County District School Board	22

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29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	39
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	11
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	11
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	15
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	15
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	6
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	4
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	20
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	7
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	12
36	Huron Perth Catholic District School Board	16
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	43
38	London District Catholic School Board	49
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	26
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	206
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	37
42	York Catholic District School Board	108
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	153
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	52
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	49
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	69
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	59
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	20
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	52
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	55
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	29
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	35
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	97
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	19
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	34
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	9

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57	Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	13
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	49
59	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	42
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	25
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	12
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	26
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	6
63	Conseil scolaire catholique Providence	28
64	Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir	57
65	Conseil scolaire de district catholique de l'Est ontarien	32
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	64