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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

FROM: Nancy Naylor
Assistant Deputy Minister

DATE: June 27, 2005

SUBJECT: **Education funding regulations for 2005-06**

Following the Memorandum of June 16, *2005:B5 – Education Funding for 2005-06*, I am writing to inform you that the education funding regulations for 2005-06 have now been released. These regulations give effect to the enhancements and changes to Grants for Student Needs as described in *2005:B5*. Through these regulations, Ontario is allocating \$16.9B to education in 2005-06 – an increase of \$658M, or 4 per cent, from 2004-05.

I am also pleased to provide additional information about submission of school boards' 2005-06 Estimates.

A. EDUCATION FUNDING REGULATIONS

The 2005-06 school year is the second full year of the government's four-year investment in publicly funded education, as announced in the 2004 Ontario Budget. The new funding regulations to implement this investment are:

- (1) Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2005-2006 School Board Fiscal Year
- (2) Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2005-2006 School Board Fiscal Year
- (3) Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2005-2006 School Board Fiscal Year

These regulations may be accessed through the Ministry's public website, www.edu.gov.on.ca

In addition to these new regulations, a number of changes have been made, as in previous years, to address technical and other issues in existing regulations. It should be noted that these include changes to the 2004-05 regulations to implement the policy on special education reserves described on page 16 of *2005:B5*.

To support the release of the funding regulations, the Ministry will publish the education funding *Technical Paper, 2005-06*, in the near future. This document will be available on the Ministry website www.edu.gov.on.ca

B. ESTIMATES

As noted in *2005:B5*, the due date for 2005-06 Estimates is July 15, 2005, with an extension to August 31 before cash flow penalties apply. If a board finalizes its budget in July, it should file as soon as the budget has been approved.

Detailed instructions to the EFIS forms are posted on the TPFRR extranet site.

Please note that 2005-06 Estimates are to be completed on a Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) basis. The EFIS forms incorporate the relevant PSAB schedules applicable to the Estimates.

For Appendix C, boards should access the revised file from EFIS – click reports on the EFIS menu – as there are a number of changes with respect to facilities and on-the-ground capacity. Where further updates to this information are required – for example, because a new school has opened – boards should contact Lygia Dallip, Business Services Branch, at (416) 325-2017 (lygia.dallip@edu.gov.on.ca).

When submitting Estimates, an electronic copy of Appendix C should also be submitted to the mailbox estimates@edu.gov.on.ca

If you require further information about school board funding in 2005-06, please contact:

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The government will continue to work in partnership with the education community in 2005-06 to review and reform key components of education funding, including funding for rural schools, support for struggling students, transportation, special education, declining enrolment, and Good Places to Learn. The Ministry and its partners will also work to promote greater effectiveness and transparency in the use of resources. These initiatives are an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of progress for all our students, and I thank you and your school board for sharing the commitment to achieving these goals.



Nancy Naylor
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