

2007: B4

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

FROM: Nancy Naylor
Assistant Deputy Minister

DATE: April 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Education funding regulations for 2007-08

I am writing to inform you that the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) regulations for 2007-08 have now been released. These regulations give effect to the funding improvements described in the memorandum of March 19, **2007: B2 – Education Funding for 2007-08**. Through these regulations, the government is allocating a projected \$18.26B for elementary and secondary education in the 2007-08 school year.

The new funding regulations are:

- (1) *Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2007-08 School Board Fiscal Year*
- (2) *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2007-08 School Board Fiscal Year*
- (3) *Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2007-08 School Board Fiscal Year*

These regulations may be accessed through the Ministry's public website, www.edu.gov.on.ca, where the Ministry has also posted final versions of the education funding *Technical Paper, 2007-08* and *School Board Funding Projections for the 2007-08 School Year*.

The implementation of some funding commitments described in **2007: B2** has required technical amendments to the 2005-06 and 2006-07 GSN regulations and the 2006-07 *Calculation of Fees for Pupils* regulation. In addition, the following regulations have been revoked:

- *Student Focused Funding — Legislative Grants For The 2001-2002 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 154/01*
- *Student Focused Funding — Legislative Grants For The 2002-2003 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 156/02*

Estimates forms have been revised to reflect the release of the 2007-08 regulations and are available on EFIS. The due date for submission of school boards' Estimates for 2007-08 is June 29, 2007.

School boards should also note the following:

- To assist boards with their capital planning for Primary class size, the Ministry will provide an excel file to help boards calculate their revised PCS capital allocations

for 2006-07 to reflect the regulation amendment. This file will be sent to boards in the near future.

- The document, *Special Education Funding Guidelines: Special Equipment Amount (SEA) and Special Incidence Portion (SIP) 2007-08*, is now available through the Ministry's website and from the Ministry Regional Offices.
- The current year's version of the guidelines, *Special Education Funding Guidelines: Special Equipment Amount (SEA) and Special Incidence Portion (SIP) 2006-07*, has been amended to include a timetable relating to the determination of staff support in the calculation of SIP funding. This timetable, a requirement of the application process, was referred to throughout the body of the SIP guideline, and is now included in the *Guidelines* as Appendix C.

I also want to advise you of a correction to the French-language version of **2007: B2**. On page 6 of the French-language version of that memo, under the heading Réduction de l'effectif des classes au primaire, the first sentence should read, "Pour poursuivre les efforts en vue de réduire l'effectif des classes au primaire, le gouvernement affectera à cette fin, en 2007-2008, 100 millions de dollars et augmentera ainsi le Montant pour la réduction de l'effectif des classes au primaire (ECP) pour le porter à 745 \$ par élève au primaire." This correction has been made in the online French-language version of **2007: B2** on the Ministry's website.

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I appreciate the positive response to the early announcement of the 2007-08 GSN and am pleased that the Ministry has met its commitment to a timely release of the regulations. School boards will be able to plan their budgets for the next school year with greater community involvement and consultation. The Ministry looks forward to working with and supporting your board in this process, as part of our shared commitment to the goal of higher achievement for all our students.



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