

2008: B4

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

FROM: Nancy Naylor
Assistant Deputy Minister

DATE: April 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Education funding regulations for 2008-09

I am writing to inform you that the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) regulations for 2008-09 have been approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and are now in effect. These regulations implement the funding improvements described in the memorandum of March 26, **2008: B2 – Education Funding for 2008-09**. Through these regulations, the government is allocating a projected \$18.8B for elementary and secondary education in the 2008-09 school year.

The new funding regulations are:

- (1) *Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2008-09 School Board Fiscal Year*
- (2) *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2008-09 School Board Fiscal Year*
- (3) *Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2008-09 School Board Fiscal Year*

The implementation of some funding commitments described in **2008: B2** has required technical amendments to the 2006-07 and 2007-08 GSN regulations. In addition, the following regulations have been revoked:

- *Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2001-2002 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 152/01*
- *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2001-2002 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 153/01*
- *Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2002-2003 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 157/02*
- *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2002-2003 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 158/02*
- *Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2003-2004 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 137/03*
- *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2003-2004 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 138/03*
- *Student Focused Funding — Legislative Grants for the 2003-2004 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 139/03*

- *Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment for the 2004-2005 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 143/04*
- *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2004-2005 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 144/04*
- *Grants for Student Needs — Legislative Grants for the 2004-2005 School Board Fiscal Year – O. Reg. 145/04*

The new regulations may be accessed through the Ministry's public website, www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/funding.html.

Estimates forms are being revised to reflect the release of the 2008-09 regulations and will be available on EFIS on April 10, 2008. The due date for submission of school boards' Estimates for 2008-09 is June 30, 2008.

In addition, the Ministry has also posted on the public website the final versions of the education funding *Technical Paper, 2008-09* and *School Board Funding Projections for the 2008-09 School Year*.

If you require further information about the GSN regulations and school board funding in 2008-09, please contact:

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Ontario's investment in elementary and secondary education in 2008-09 provides targeted resources to support student achievement, while addressing needs in key areas such as pupil accommodation, transportation, school operations, and textbooks and classroom supplies. The Ministry will continue to work with school boards and other education partners to ensure that these resources are used in an effective and efficient way that benefits all our students.



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