

Details of 2009-10 Enhancements – Provincial Totals

PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS

More Elementary Teachers and Supports

Elementary specialist teachers [\$46.9M] – for 555 more funded elementary specialist teacher positions in areas such as the arts to support 10 more minutes of prep time

Smaller Grades 4 to 8 classes [\$10.7M] – for 126 additional funded elementary teaching positions to reduce class size in grades 4 to 8

Supervision in elementary schools [\$5.3M] – for more supervision of elementary students

Professional development [\$8.8M] – for more support for professional learning activities for elementary teachers

Continuing Education and International Languages [\$2.8M] - additional support for improved working conditions for Continuing Education and International Languages instructors

More Secondary Staff

Secondary teachers [\$11.3M] – for 129 additional funded positions to expand secondary programs

More Non-Teaching Staff

School office support staff [\$10.3M] – for 211 more funded school office staff to increase adult presence in elementary schools

Custodians [\$36.3M] – for 593 additional funded custodian positions for safer, cleaner schools

Professionals and para-professionals [\$25.9M] – for 400 more funded staff to increase direct services to elementary students who are at risk and who have special needs

MEETING COMMITMENTS

Salary and benefits [\$411.7M] – for increased salaries and benefits for all staff

KEEPING UP WITH COSTS

Community Use of Schools [\$0.5M] – for the cost pressures of inflation (labour and energy) to ensure that the after-hours use of schools by community groups remains affordable

Utilities [\$14.1M] – for a 2% school operations benchmark increase to help boards manage higher energy and insurance costs

Transportation [\$10.7M] – for a 2% benchmark increase to offset higher fuel, capital, and other operating costs. Boards with transportation surpluses equal to, or greater than the 2% cost benchmark increase, will not be eligible for this enhancement.

PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Internal Audit [\$2M] – for boards to establish internal audit capacity. This funding will be allocated following consultation with the sector about the best approach to implementation.

TRANSFER INTO AND OUT OF THE GSN

Parent Engagement [\$3.1M] – for a wide range of programs to involve parents and the community. *Moved to the Board Administration Grant of the GSN.*

Community Use of Schools Outreach Coordinators [\$6.4M] – for helping to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of local Community Use of Schools (CUS) programs. *Moved out of the GSN to Education Programs, Other (EPO).*

OTHER GSN CHANGES FOR 2009-10

High Needs Amount - to move in the direction recommended by the Special Education Working Table, Measures of Variability (MOV) will be introduced to better reflect the variability of high needs students across boards. The MOV, which is based on data of the prevalence of special education programs and services, participation and achievement in EQAO assessments by students with special education needs, board size, and rural status, will be used to allocate 5% of HNA funding.

Fuel Escalation/De-Escalation – a mechanism has been added to the GSN that will help provide boards with additional funding stability despite the market volatility of fuel prices.

2009-10 SAVINGS MEASURES

Textbooks [\$25.0M] – reduced funding by lowering the benchmark in the Pupil Foundation Grant

Computers [\$25.0M] – reduced funding in 2009-10 and 2010-11 by lowering the benchmark in the Pupil Foundation Grant

Transportation [\$7.6M] – route reductions of 1% for 3 years for boards in consortia with routing technology ratings that are below “high”

Staff Development [\$44.5M] – reduced funding in Pupil Foundation Grant and selected special purpose grants, with funding partially restored to the Pupil Foundation Grant in 2010-11

Declining Enrolment Adjustment [\$5.8M] – the DEA grant will be scaled down to better recognize protection available through other allocations.

SAVINGS MEASURES BEGINNING IN 2010-11

Facilities Top-Up [\$12.1M] – reduced top-up funding to a maximum of 18% of a school’s capacity in 2010-11, and 15% in 2011-12. No top-up funding for new schools for five years beginning in 2010-11; applies to all schools opening in 2009-10

Boards Administration [\$8.7M] – reduced funding beginning in 2010-11

Transportation [\$6.2M] – stable funding guarantee will now be based on 50% of the previous year’s change in enrolment.