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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Jim Grieve
Assistant Deputy Minister

DATE: March 27, 2013

SUBJECT: **Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program Funding for 2013-14 School Year (SY) (Year 4)**

ATTACHMENTS: Appendix 1: Ministry of Education Regional Offices and Early Learning and Child Care Implementation Branch Education Officers

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Appendix 4: Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program Key Reporting Dates

I am writing to provide you with information about funding for Year 4 (2013-14 school year) of the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program (FDELKP).

Similar to Years 1 to 3 of the FDELKP implementation, in 2013-14, all Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten (JK/SK) students will continue to be funded through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) for a half-day. Funding for the additional half-day of the FDELKP will continue to be provided through the Education Programs-Other (EPO) transfer payment. This will be the last year in which we use this approach. Effective for full implementation in the 2014-15 school year, FDELKP funding will be fully integrated into the GSN.

The expansion of the FDKELP program for 2013-14 – from 122,000 students in 2012-13 to 184,000 students in 2013-14 will bring the total projected operating funding to school boards to \$962.6M. Each board's approved pupil target and funding allocation is attached (see Appendix 2). Pupil targets were previously communicated in memorandum *2011: EL2 – Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program-Planning 2013-14 (Year 4) and 2014-15 (Year 5)*.

The Qualifications and Experience Amount in EPO will continue to recognize grid movement for Teachers and ECEs based on the 97th day provisions. As with the current year, boards will be asked to provide projections of their grids both with and without movement as of October 31, 2013. Funding will be based on the weighted average of the grants that the two grids generate. Funding for Teacher and ECE Q&E has been allocated based on ministry projections and will be adjusted during the year to reflect actual Teacher and ECE Q&E factors.

In the 2013-14 school year, the FDELKP will be funded at a per-pupil benchmark of \$4,461.77 for English-language public boards and \$4,496.72 for all other boards. These per-pupil benchmarks are based on GSN benchmarks and include funding for the incremental classroom costs of the FDELKP, including teachers, ECEs, School Operations and other staff support and materials. In addition, the benchmarks include the Transition Grant, Special Education Per-Pupil Amount and the Behaviour Expertise Amount. Appendix 3 shows in detail the per-pupil funding benchmarks.

Note that the board-specific amounts for the High Needs Amount and the Special Equipment Amount of the Special Education Grant that is provided for special education programs and services for the additional half-day of the FDELKP will also continue to be provided through EPO transfer payments. Furthermore, qualifying school boards will also receive Remote and Rural funding similar to the 2013-14 GSN.

As the implementation of FDELKP and the [modernization of child care](#) proceed, the ministry will continue to encourage strengthened linkages between child care and school programs, including FDELKP which is consistent with the [Ontario Early Years Policy Framework](#). The framework sets out the government's vision for a system of responsive, high-quality, accessible, and increasingly integrated early years programs and services that better supports Ontario's children and families.

The 2013-14 EPO transfer payment agreements will follow shortly. The agreement will outline payment timelines and reporting dates associated with the FDELKP. Please refer to Appendix 4 for key reporting dates. If you have any inquiries regarding this memorandum please contact the Early Learning and Child Care Implementation Branch Education Officer assigned to your board (See Appendix 1 for additional information).

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and commitment to the Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Sincerely,



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**Appendix 2: Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program
Board by Board Approved Pupil and Funding Allocation
for 2012-13 SY and 2013-14 SY**

DSB No	DSB Name	2012-13 FDK Pupil Target	2012-13 FDK Funding Projection *	2013-14 FDK Pupil Target	2013-14 FDK Funding Projection **
1	DSB Ontario North East	390	\$ 2,178,615	598	\$ 3,357,121
2	Algoma DSB	572	\$ 3,239,847	884	\$ 5,005,931
3	Rainbow DSB	728	\$ 4,010,660	1,092	\$ 5,885,934
4	Near North DSB	546	\$ 2,959,016	832	\$ 4,469,343
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia DSB	234	\$ 1,376,800	338	\$ 2,067,761
5.2	Rainy River DSB	104	\$ 624,486	182	\$ 1,101,397
6.1	Lakehead DSB	598	\$ 3,435,997	884	\$ 4,960,879
6.2	Superior-Greenstone DSB	52	\$ 319,932	78	\$ 460,067
7	Bluewater DSB	1,066	\$ 5,788,645	1,482	\$ 7,901,567
8	Avon Maitland DSB	910	\$ 4,647,834	1,378	\$ 7,317,229
9	Greater Essex County DSB	2,184	\$ 11,482,691	3,198	\$ 16,536,210
10	Lambton Kent DSB	1,404	\$ 7,529,676	2,106	\$ 11,086,780
11	Thames Valley DSB	4,472	\$ 24,132,814	6,682	\$ 34,904,619
12	Toronto DSB	17,628	\$ 89,091,941	26,364	\$ 133,892,085
13	Durham DSB	4,238	\$ 23,082,412	6,136	\$ 32,656,377
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB	2,028	\$ 11,224,499	3,016	\$ 16,323,255
15	Trillium Lakelands DSB	936	\$ 4,880,481	1,378	\$ 7,628,632
16	York Region DSB	6,578	\$ 35,485,486	10,192	\$ 53,774,741
17	Simcoe County DSB	2,964	\$ 16,432,692	4,550	\$ 24,001,207
18	Upper Grand DSB	2,054	\$ 10,312,514	3,224	\$ 16,372,217
19	Peel DSB	9,828	\$ 50,269,370	15,002	\$ 74,805,300
20	Halton DSB	3,614	\$ 19,341,459	5,538	\$ 28,899,554
21	Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	3,016	\$ 16,364,983	4,550	\$ 23,938,725
22	DSB of Niagara	2,184	\$ 10,945,625	3,224	\$ 16,764,823
23	Grand Erie DSB	1,534	\$ 7,458,740	2,418	\$ 12,628,356
24	Waterloo Region DSB	3,848	\$ 19,274,415	6,136	\$ 32,154,989
25	Ottawa-Carleton DSB	4,446	\$ 22,923,465	6,812	\$ 34,668,659
26	Upper Canada DSB	1,664	\$ 9,010,048	2,548	\$ 13,532,056
27	Limestone DSB	1,248	\$ 6,977,742	1,950	\$ 10,632,227
28	Renfrew County DSB	572	\$ 3,102,247	806	\$ 4,157,308
29	Hastings and Prince Edward DSB	910	\$ 4,990,738	1,404	\$ 7,437,776
30.1	Northeastern Catholic DSB	130	\$ 781,611	234	\$ 1,413,717
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB	182	\$ 1,045,922	260	\$ 1,482,277
31	Huron-Superior Catholic DSB	312	\$ 1,771,511	390	\$ 2,208,409
32	Sudbury Catholic DSB	338	\$ 1,864,465	546	\$ 2,959,802
33.1	Northwest Catholic DSB	130	\$ 754,294	182	\$ 1,057,970

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DSB No	DSB Name	2012-13 FDK Pupil Target *	2012-13 FDK Funding Projection *	2013-14 FDK Pupil Target	2013-14 FDK Funding Projection **
33.2	Kenora Catholic DSB	78	\$ 451,386	156	\$ 902,576
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic DSB	468	\$ 2,715,854	728	\$ 4,036,698
34.2	Superior North Catholic DSB	52	\$ 318,926	78	\$ 483,160
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB	208	\$ 1,160,879	312	\$ 1,714,806
36	Huron-Perth Catholic DSB	286	\$ 1,573,801	416	\$ 2,233,877
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB	1,196	\$ 6,487,347	1,742	\$ 9,300,255
38	London District Catholic School Board	1,118	\$ 6,100,653	1,612	\$ 8,756,647
39	St. Clair Catholic DSB	598	\$ 3,211,496	910	\$ 4,831,548
40	Toronto Catholic DSB	5,148	\$ 25,765,336	7,644	\$ 40,221,100
41	Peterborough V N C Catholic DSB	832	\$ 4,643,825	1,274	\$ 6,916,203
42	York Catholic DSB	3,354	\$ 18,127,489	5,096	\$ 26,973,360
43	Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB	4,472	\$ 23,764,869	6,318	\$ 33,165,673
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB	1,118	\$ 5,908,484	1,716	\$ 8,928,455
45	Durham Catholic DSB	1,196	\$ 5,938,343	1,872	\$ 9,894,289
46	Halton Catholic DSB	1,690	\$ 8,821,435	2,548	\$ 13,280,052
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB	1,638	\$ 8,805,615	2,340	\$ 12,455,332
48	Wellington Catholic DSB	494	\$ 2,667,606	702	\$ 3,732,126
49	Waterloo Catholic DSB	1,352	\$ 7,315,862	2,158	\$ 11,530,574
50	Niagara Catholic DSB	1,352	\$ 7,090,288	2,054	\$ 10,657,954
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic DSB	650	\$ 3,404,302	884	\$ 4,618,453
52	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario	702	\$ 3,854,522	988	\$ 5,338,159
53	Ottawa Catholic DSB	2,080	\$ 11,434,093	2,990	\$ 15,906,234
54	Renfrew County Catholic DSB	260	\$ 1,375,899	416	\$ 2,219,715
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB	650	\$ 3,398,114	936	\$ 4,899,764
56	CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	156	\$ 957,667	234	\$ 1,472,964
57	CSD du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	130	\$ 869,741	234	\$ 1,563,760
58	Conseil scolaire Viamonde	806	\$ 4,198,272	1,326	\$ 6,870,557
59	CSD des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	832	\$ 4,496,452	1,378	\$ 7,193,593
60.1	CSD catholique des Grandes Rivières	390	\$ 2,212,441	598	\$ 3,402,190
60.2	CSD catholique Franco-Nord	156	\$ 938,532	286	\$ 1,660,560
61	CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	520	\$ 2,897,585	806	\$ 4,628,611
62	CSD catholique des Aurores boréales	52	\$ 330,379	104	\$ 658,596
63	CSD des écoles catholiques du Sud-Ouest	832	\$ 4,182,866	1,248	\$ 6,431,145
64	CSD catholique Centre-Sud	1,248	\$ 6,584,272	1,820	\$ 9,284,271
65	CSD catholique de l'Est ontarien	702	\$ 3,654,688	1,014	\$ 5,413,930
66	CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	1,560	\$ 8,594,936	2,340	\$ 12,553,176
	Provincial Total	122,018	\$ 643,367,928	183,872	\$ 962,575,663

* Targets and allocations above are based on 2012: EL2 Memorandum and may not reflect in-year adjustments

** Funding projections are subject to change.

**Appendix 3: Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program
Education Programs – Other (EPO)
Per-Pupil Operating Funding Benchmarks for 2013-14 SY**

2013-14 Per-pupil funding benchmark for Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program (FDELKP)	Public English Boards	All Other Boards
A. Staffing (at average class size of 26)	\$2,917.90	\$2,942.52
A.1 Teachers	\$1,248.69	\$1,273.31
A.2 ECEs ¹	\$1,669.21	\$1,669.21
B. School Operations	\$383.01	\$383.01
C. Other Staff Support and Materials	\$232.36	\$233.71
C.1 Supply Teacher	\$68.33	\$69.68
C.2 Professional and Para-Professional Supports	\$60.83	\$60.83
C.3 Elementary Supervision	\$10.03	\$10.03
C.4 Textbooks and Learning Materials	\$34.50	\$34.50
C.5 Classroom Supplies	\$41.41	\$41.41
C.6 Classroom Computers	\$17.26	\$17.26
D. Special Education	\$454.74	\$463.72
D.1 Special Education Per-Pupil Amount (SEPPA)	\$453.33	\$462.31
D.2 Behaviour Expertise Amount (BEA)	\$1.41	\$1.41
E. Transition Grant	\$473.76	\$473.76
Total Per-Pupil Benchmark (A + B + C + D + E) ²	\$4,461.77	\$4,496.72

Notes:

¹ This is based on an hourly rate of \$19.48 and 26.88% benefits.

² Additional information regarding changes to benchmarks can be found in the Grants for Student Needs Funding and Regulations Memorandum 2013: B5 from Gabriel F. Sékaly

NOTE: Qualification and Experience (Q&E) Enhancement Funding for Teachers and ECEs, Remote and Rural Grant and some Special Education Grants (High Needs Amount and Special Equipment Amount) are based on board specific data, and therefore not included in the per pupil table above.

Appendix 4: Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program Key Reporting Dates

FDK Year	Date	Requirement
3	November 2013	2012-13 Financial Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix L – Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Grid for Year 3 ECEs • 2012-13 Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Expenditures for Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program
4	June 2013	2013-14 Estimates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix L – Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Grid for Year 4 ECEs
4	December 2013	2013-14 Revised Estimates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix L – Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Grid for Year 4 ECEs
4	November 2014	2013-14 Financial Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix L – Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Grid for Year 4 ECEs • 2013-14 Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Expenditures for Full-Day Early Learning Kindergarten Program

Note: Additional deadlines for signed contracts and attestations will be communicated in the 2012-13 FDK EPO Amending Agreement and 2013-14 EPO Agreement.