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MEMORANDUM TO: Superintendents of Business

FROM: Andrew Davis
Director
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DATE: October 8, 2008

SUBJECT: 2008-09 Revised Estimates

I am pleased to inform you that the 2008-09 Revised Estimates and instructions are now available through the Revised Estimates link on the Financial Reporting website at <http://tpfr.edu.gov.on.ca>. Boards can access EFIS directly at <https://efis.edu.gov.on.ca/login.asp>.

The funding enhancements announced in memorandum 2008:B10 have been incorporated into the Revised Estimates. These enhancements are conditional upon the approval by the Lieutenant Governor of the amendments to the 2008/09 Grants for student needs regulation. The ministry intends to seek approval of these amendments in December 2008.

The ministry released through EFIS the “sandbox” version of the 2008-09 revised estimates early in September to assist boards in planning for their revenues as they enter into negotiations with their local bargaining groups.

The Revised Estimates forms are comparable to the sandbox version and reflect the enhancements under the PDT Agreements, including the 3 per cent increase in salary benchmarks for 2008-09, with adjustments for boards that are not fully eligible for enhanced funding under the PDT Agreements. An excel file “Staffing information – PDT Agreement” is provided to assist in the calculation of revenue adjustments related to PDT agreements. This file can be downloaded from EFIS and must be completed by all boards and sent to the Ministry’s e-mail as stated below as part of school boards Revised Estimates submission.

The forms also reflect technical changes that were made through regulation amendments in July 2008 and are outlined in the detailed instructions guide. Information on these technical changes for 2008-09 were provided in memorandum 2008:B11 and include:

- Updated funding benchmarks for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Supplement. The per pupil allocations are revised based on 2006 Census data.

- Increased funding for Adult and Continuing Education as also outlined in memorandum 2008:B6
- Amendment to the entitlement to funding for New Teacher Induction Program – now based on the lesser of expenditure in 2008/09 and the funding formula
- Adjustments to tax revenues relating to uncollected taxes as of December 31, 2008 in areas without municipal organization
- Recognition of portable relocation costs in NPP funding
- Updated tables for growth schools and Prohibitive to repair to include recent approvals
- Amendments to reflect the impact of the amalgamation of Rainy River DSB and Mine Centre District School Area Board

Submission

Revised estimates submissions via EFIS are due by December 12, 2008. An electronic copy of the excel based Appendix C, Warning Explanation report and Staffing Information – PDT Agreement report should also be submitted by that date to the following mailbox:

revest@ontario.ca

Please send two signed copies of section 1 summary printed out from the active EFIS submission by the above due date to:

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Late Filing

The policy on late filing will be applicable to the 2008-09 revised estimates. Where a board submits its revised estimates after December 31, 2008, its regular cash flow will be reduced by 50% for the January 2008 and subsequent monthly transfer payments. Upon submission of the revised estimates, the ministry will revert back to the normal monthly payment process and will include in the monthly payment the total amount withheld up to that point.

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For other questions on the revised estimates package, please contact your ministry finance officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Andrew Davis