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

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SUBJECT: **In-Year Amendments to the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 Grants for Student Needs Funding Regulations**

I am writing to inform you of the in-year amendments to education funding regulations that have been made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. These amendments make changes to the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding regulations for the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years, and are effective immediately.

These amendments will:

- Provide school boards with recently announced School Renewal Allocations, School Condition Improvement, Capital Priorities Grants, School Consolidation Capital, Child Care Capital, Full Day Kindergarten and Capital Priorities Land funding to allow school boards to build new schools to address growth; to consolidate schools through renovations, retrofits and new additions; repair and maintain schools; build new child care spaces in new schools; address full day kindergarten capital funding needs; and support land purchases.

- Make other technical amendments which correct language or tabled amounts in the existing regulations to ensure they are up to date with the existing policy direction. This includes updates to capital funding tables to reflect additional approvals to allow previously approved projects to proceed to construction completion as applicable.

School Renewal Investment and School Condition Improvement

In July 2016, the Government announced an additional $1.1 billion in renewal funding to school boards for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years to keep schools in a state of good repair. This additional renewal funding responds to the school renewal backlog identified through the Ministry's Condition Assessment Program and the ongoing need to conduct regular maintenance and repairs in schools. This funding is intended to allow boards the opportunity to supplement their existing school renewal activities this summer and address critical building needs that may have otherwise been deferred.

An amendment to the 2015-16 GSN regulation updates School Renewal Investment funding provided under *Table 24.1 – Amount for School Renewal Amounts*. This update reflects the approved capital spending authority for boards for School Renewal Amounts, and corresponding language to introduce the new table. Also, an amendment to the 2015-16 GSN regulation updates School Condition Improvement (SCI) funding provided under *Table 29 – Amount for School Condition Improvement*. This update reflects the approved capital spending authority for boards for SCI.

Entitlement for Consolidated Capital, Capital Priorities Grants and Capital Priority Land

Entitlement for Consolidated Capital, Capital Priorities Grants (CPG/SCC) and Capital Priorities Land funding updates reflect newly approved capital priorities, school consolidation capital and capital land funding projects. These amendments reflect previous funding approvals and will enable school boards to begin planning and construction of approved school consolidation capital priorities projects, including building or purchasing schools, building additions, undertaking major retrofits/renovations to existing schools, and/or purchasing land.

Full Day Kindergarten

Amendments to the 2015-16 and 2016-16 GSN regulations updates FDK capital funding provided under *Tables 31 and 35 – Full Day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Accommodation Maximum Amount*. This update reflects the approved capital spending authority for boards for Full Day Kindergarten.

New Child Care Capital

These amendments include new funding for each approved project under the 2015: B11 memoranda, “Capital Funding for New Construction of Child Care” released on May 26, 2015. These amendments ensure that the 2015-16 GSN funding regulation fully reflects the new funding allocations by projects and includes the expected number of child care rooms and spaces to be achieved.

Amendments

1. O. Reg. 160/11, Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2011-12 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
    - GSN 2011-12 Table 27.1 (Entitlement for Consolidated Capital Programs)

2. O. Reg. 136/12, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2012-13 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
    - GSN 2012-13 – Table 25.2 (Capital Priorities Grants)

3. O. Reg. 120/13, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2013-14 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
    - GSN 2013-14 – Table 27.0.1 (Capital Priorities Grants)

4. O. Reg. 76/14, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2014-15 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
    - GSN 2014-15 – Table 25.2 (Capital Priorities Grants)
    - GSN 2014-15 – Table 25.3 (Capital Priorities Land)

5. O. Reg. 195/15, “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2015-16 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
    - GSN 2015-16 – Table 24.1 (School Renewal Investment)
    - GSN 2015-16 – Table 29 (School Condition Improvement)
    - GSN 2015-16 – Table 30.1 (Capital Priorities Grants)
    - GSN 2015-16 – Table 30.2 (Capital Priorities Land Table)
    - GSN 2015-16 – Table 30.3 (Child Care Capital Grants Table)
    - GSN 2015-16 – Table 31 (Full Day Kindergarten Grants)

6. O. Reg. 215/16 “Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2016-17 School Board Fiscal Year” under the Education Act
    - GSN 2016-17 – Table 35 (Full Day Kindergarten Grants)

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