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MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Nancy Naylor
Assistant Deputy Minister

DATE: June 26, 2008

SUBJECT: **Student Transportation:**
(1) Fuel Enhancement for 2007-08
(2) Fuel Cost Study, 2008-09

I am writing to inform you that, to help school boards address financial pressures resulting from increases in fuel costs over the last few months, the Ministry will provide further one-time funding assistance of \$7M to school boards for student transportation in 2007-08.

This investment is in addition to the \$10.5M one-time fuel enhancement provided in March 2008 for student transportation (see the memorandum of March 13, **2008: SB4 - Fuel Costs**).

This \$7M in one-time funding means that each school board will receive an additional 0.9 per cent of its 2007-08 net transportation expenditure, excluding transportation to Provincial Schools. Each board's estimated allocation from this \$7M enhancement for 2007-08 is given in the attached Appendix.

The Ministry recognizes that some school boards have fuel escalator clauses in their school bus contracts. In jurisdictions where operators have borne the increased fuel costs without additional compensation, it is expected that boards will provide the appropriate payments to these operators. The Ministry expects all boards to flow additional funding appropriately to operators before the end of the 2007-08 school year.

Managing Fuel Costs

In the last three years, the Ministry has provided significant funding enhancements to address rising fuel costs. The ongoing volatility and rising trend of fuel prices are prompting efforts to improve fuel efficiency across the broader public sector. We anticipate that ongoing Effectiveness and Efficiency reviews of transportation services will promote best practices regarding fuel efficiency. School boards and operators are also expected to implement best practices regarding fuel efficiency in route planning and in service delivery.

Fuel Cost Study in 2008-09

Furthermore, the Ministry intends to undertake a fuel cost study in 2008-09. The purpose of this study will be to identify best practices for the purchase of fuel; to advise school boards and operators on ways to adapt to the current fuel market; and to examine how the Ministry, school boards and school bus operators might respond to fluctuations in fuel costs to further enhance stability in the area of student transportation.

The \$7M one-time enhancement for student transportation in the current school year and the fuel cost study in 2008-09 reflects the ongoing partnership of the Ministry, school boards and school bus operators to ensure the delivery of safe, effective and efficient student transportation services. We look forward to working with you to sustain and improve these important services that benefit so many of our students.



Nancy Naylor

Cc: Superintendents of Business
Transportation Managers
Ontario School Bus Association

**Appendix: Board-by-Board Allocation
One-time \$7M Fuel Funding Assistance for Student Transportation**

DSB No	DSBName	2007-08 Net Expenditure Net of Provincial School	One-time \$7M Fuel Funding Assistance
1	District School Board Ontario North East	\$6,997,946	\$62,917
2	Algoma District School Board	\$7,746,665	\$69,648
3	Rainbow District School Board	\$11,099,250	\$99,791
4	Near North District School Board	\$9,644,399	\$86,710
5.1	Keewatin-Patricia District School Board	\$4,059,249	\$36,496
5.2	Rainy River District School Board	\$2,436,081	\$21,902
6.1	Lakehead District School Board	\$6,093,404	\$54,784
6.2	Superior-Greenstone District School Board	\$1,556,315	\$13,992
7	Bluewater District School Board	\$12,943,858	\$116,375
8	Avon Maitland District School Board	\$11,216,876	\$100,848
9	Greater Essex County District School Board	\$11,363,843	\$102,169
10	Lambton Kent District School Board	\$10,987,606	\$98,787
11	Thames Valley District School Board	\$30,112,465	\$270,733
12	Toronto District School Board	\$42,712,406	\$384,016
13	Durham District School Board	\$16,956,650	\$152,453
14	Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$17,149,920	\$154,191
15	Trillium Lakelands District School Board	\$14,167,405	\$127,376
16	York Region District School Board	\$32,556,971	\$292,711
17	Simcoe County District School Board	\$17,904,000	\$160,970
18	Upper Grand District School Board	\$14,153,637	\$127,252
19	Peel District School Board	\$37,303,559	\$335,387
20	Halton District School Board	\$10,316,519	\$92,753
21	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board	\$12,395,575	\$111,445
22	District School Board of Niagara	\$14,505,650	\$130,417
23	Grand Erie District School Board	\$11,057,644	\$99,416
24	Waterloo Region District School Board	\$12,335,968	\$110,910
25	Ottawa-Carleton District School Board	\$28,299,236	\$254,431
26	Upper Canada District School Board	\$24,270,405	\$218,209
27	Limestone District School Board	\$12,842,025	\$115,459
28	Renfrew County District School Board	\$6,839,309	\$61,490
29	Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board	\$12,920,884	\$116,168
30.1	Northeastern Catholic District School Board	\$2,723,225	\$24,484
30.2	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board	\$3,360,431	\$30,213
31	Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board	\$3,201,450	\$28,783
32	Sudbury Catholic District School Board	\$4,441,522	\$39,933
33.1	Northwest Catholic District School Board	\$1,163,649	\$10,462
33.2	Kenora Catholic District School Board	\$821,731	\$7,388
34.1	Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board	\$4,966,881	\$44,656
34.2	Superior North Catholic District School Board	\$441,394	\$3,968
35	Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board	\$3,420,795	\$30,755
36	Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board	\$4,918,751	\$44,223
37	Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board	\$8,099,000	\$72,816
38	English-language Separate District School Board	\$10,976,398	\$98,686
39	St. Clair Catholic District School Board	\$5,790,566	\$52,061

DSB No	DSBName	2007-08 Net Expenditure Net of Provincial School	One-time \$7M Fuel Funding Assistance
40	Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$23,539,475	\$211,637
41	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland & Clarington Catholic DSB	\$9,603,930	\$86,346
42	York Catholic District School Board	\$16,034,969	\$144,166
43	Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board	\$21,437,325	\$192,737
44	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board	\$11,482,539	\$103,237
45	Durham Catholic District School Board	\$7,810,865	\$70,225
46	Halton Catholic District School Board	\$5,162,129	\$46,411
47	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board	\$7,011,900	\$63,042
48	Wellington Catholic District School Board	\$3,974,754	\$35,736
49	Waterloo Catholic District School Board	\$6,866,013	\$61,731
50	Niagara Catholic District School Board	\$9,177,427	\$82,512
51	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board	\$4,695,059	\$42,212
52	Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario	\$13,090,124	\$117,690
53	Ottawa Catholic District School Board	\$24,661,529	\$221,725
54	Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	\$3,815,358	\$34,303
55	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board	\$8,766,244	\$78,815
56	Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$1,324,362	\$11,907
57	Conseil scolaire de district du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$1,819,900	\$16,362
58	Conseil scolaire de district du Centre Sud-Ouest	\$9,512,005	\$85,520
59	Conseil scolaire de district des écoles publiques de langue française	\$9,750,000	\$87,660
60.1	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$5,867,594	\$52,754
60.2	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord	\$3,223,435	\$28,981
61	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$5,290,498	\$47,566
62	Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales	\$714,465	\$6,424
63	Conseil scolaire de district des écoles catholiques du Sud-Ouest	\$6,151,136	\$55,303
64	Conseil scolaire de district catholique Centre-Sud	\$15,643,518	\$140,647
65	Conseil de district catholique de l'est Ontarien	\$11,072,996	\$99,554
66	Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$11,807,500	\$106,158
	Provincial Totals	\$778,578,562	\$7,000,000