

# Grants for Student Needs Overview

**2007-08**

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# Key Facts

- Announcement March 19<sup>th</sup> – 3 months earlier than last year
- Annual Investment is \$18.3 billion (second biggest Ontario Ministry)
- Increase of \$781M or 4.5 % more than 2006-07
- Increase of 5.1% on a per student basis

# GSN Enhancements and Changes for 2007-08

- New Grants / Allocations
- Support for Ongoing Reforms
- Support for Student Achievement
- New Investments
- School Capital Programs

# New Grants / Allocations

- 1. Program Enhancement Grant
  - \$35M
  - Support for a well-rounded education: arts, music, physical education and outdoor education.
  - Boards have flexibility to decide how to use this funding within their jurisdiction
  - Eligible investments defined for 2008-09
  - BGCDSB = \$97,500
    - (Formula = \$7,500 x # of schools )

# New Grants / Allocations

- 2. First Nations, Metis, Innuit Education Supplement
  - \$10.5M to support the EDU goal of improved achievement
  - To assist boards in offering and/or expanding Native Language and Native Studies courses and other support programs
  - Funding is for Pupils of the Board
  - BGCDSB Preliminary Estimate by EDU = \$28,976

# New Grants / Allocations

- 3. Supported Schools Allocation
  - Support for small Ontario communities where schools have low enrolment and are a significant distance from other schools of the board.
  - Elem = 30 km from another elem. school
  - Sec = 60 km from another sec. school

*Elem: St. Anthony's, Kincardine and St. Joseph's, Port Elgin*

*Sec: SHHS, Walkerton and SMHS, Owen Sound*

# Support for Ongoing Reform

- 1. Special Education
  - \$25M
  - Stable funding levels FOR High Needs  
Amount for boards with declining enrolment
  - Continuing to work on developing a new funding formula approach

# Support for Ongoing Reform

- 2. Student Transportation
  - \$18M
  - 2 % increase in base funding for fuel and other transportation cost pressures
  - No reduction for Board's with declining enrolment
  - (funding for resetting the transportation baselines for consortia sites based on e & e reviews)

# Support for Student Achievement

- 1. Primary Class Size
  - \$100M to support an additional 1,200 new teachers
  - Governments target of 90% of Primary Classes at 20:1 September 2007

# Support for Student Achievement

- 2. Labour Framework
  - Year 4 of the labour framework
  - 3 percent salary benchmarks

# New Investments

- 1. French language School Boards
  - Multi-year funding strategy \$10M
- 2. Student Trustee Honoraria
  - 50% funding (\$1,250) and \$5,000 per student trustee for expenses
- 3. Utilities
  - 1 % for non-salary component of school operations

# School Capital Programs

- 1. Good Places to Learn
  - Addition \$500M for GPL Stage 3 renewal projects
- 2. Long-Term Financing Vehicle for Capital Programs
- 3. Growth Schools
  - Revised criteria for growth schools allocation

# Investments Outside of the GSM

- \$200M outside of the GSN
  - Literacy and Numeracy
  - Student Success
  - Official Languages Education
  - MISA
  - Net Teachers Induction Program
  - Parent Engagement
  - Safe Schools
  - Aboriginal Education
  - Others

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