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Introduction

Purpose

This paper contains an overview and details of the grant formulas and other criteria for education funding through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) that are used to calculate school boards' 2023–24 allocations for budgeting and financial reporting purposes.

Some of the elements and proposals set out in this paper can only take effect if certain regulations are made by the Minister of Education or Lieutenant Governor in Council under the *Education Act*. Such regulations have not yet been made at the time this paper was published. Therefore, the content of this paper should be considered subject to such regulations, if and when made.

The information included in this paper is provided for information purposes only and is not binding. It is anticipated that the funding regulations for the 2023–2024 fiscal year would be entitled: *Grants for Student Needs – Legislative Grants for the 2023–2024 School Board Fiscal Year*, hereinafter referred to as the GSN regulation; and *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2023–2024 School Board Fiscal Year*. If there are discrepancies between this paper and the regulations made under the *Education Act*, the regulations prevail.

Key Changes for 2023–24

For an overview of the key changes in education funding, please refer to the 2023:B04 – *2023–24 Grants for Student Needs Funding* memo that was released to the sector on April 17, 2023.

Additional details can be found in the relevant sections of this paper, where changes are grant specific and relate to changes in funding methodology. Changes that apply more generally to many grants or that result in updates to benchmarks/allocations may not be identified as changes in the relevant sections, but the benchmarks/allocations shown throughout this paper reflect the updated values at the time of release.

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Education Funding Grants

The current funding system for education is intended to:

- provide a fair allocation for all students, wherever they live in Ontario
- operate in a fair and non-discriminatory manner as between the public and Catholic school boards in both the English-language and French-language systems
- provide funding to maintain schools and to build new schools where they are needed
- allow school boards some flexibility to decide how funds will be allocated to programs and supports, and among schools
- restrict how school boards spend money in some specific areas (e.g., to protect funding for capital and special education, and limit spending on school board administration)
- promote school board accountability by ensuring that school boards report consistently and publicly on how they spend their allocations

Education funding through the GSN consists of the Pupil Foundation Grant, the School Foundation Grant, and 16 supplemental grants.

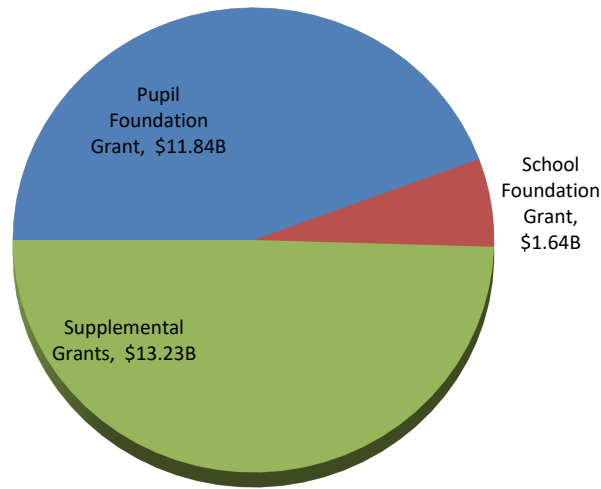
Grant Grouping	Component	Projected Funding
PUPIL FOUNDATION GRANT	Classroom staffing	\$11,844.9M
	Educational assistants	
	Library services	
	Guidance services, including supporting students in career counselling, student mental health and well-being	
	Professional and para-professional supports	
	Classroom consultants	
	Textbooks and learning materials	
	Additional educational software licensing	
	Classroom supplies	
	Classroom computers	
	Student technological devices	
	Broadband continuous improvement	
SCHOOL FOUNDATION GRANT	In-school Administration and Leadership Allocation	\$1,637.1M
	Remote Learning Administration Allocation	
	Library Staff Allocation	
	Parent Engagement Allocation	

SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS	1. Special Education Grant	\$3,405.4M
	2. Language Grant	\$956.8M
	3. Indigenous Education Grant	\$137.7M
	4. Geographic Circumstances Grant	\$225.2M
	5. Learning Opportunities Grant	\$602.0M
	6. Mental Health and Well-Being Grant	\$130.4M
	7. Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant	\$143.2M
	8. Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grant	\$2,388.0M
	9. Supports for Students Fund	\$219.6M
	10. Program Leadership Grant	\$74.2M
	11. Student Transportation Grant	\$1,233.2M
	12. Declining Enrolment Adjustment	\$21.1M
	13. School Board Administration and Governance Grant	\$656.8M
	14. School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant	\$2,707.7M
BASE GSN	\$26,751.2M¹	
15. Debt Service Costs	\$315.7 M	
16. One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund	\$17.1M	
TOTAL GSN	\$27,084.0M	

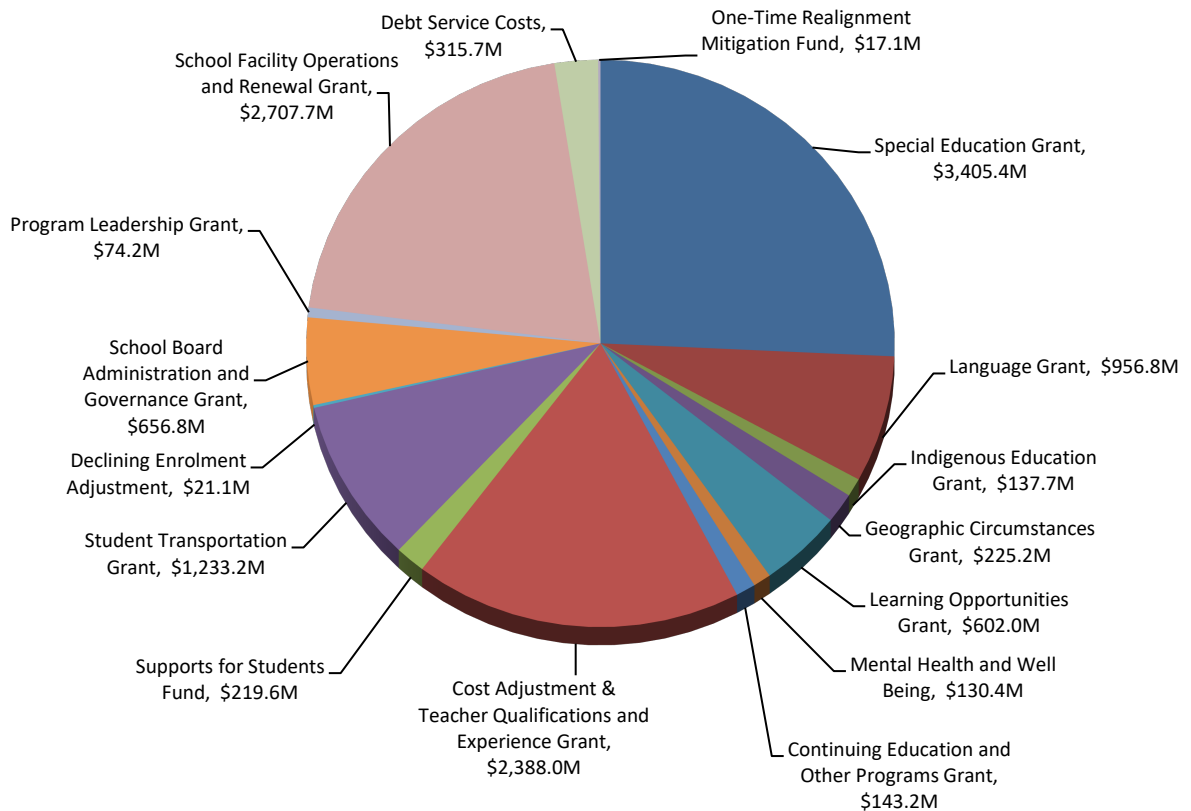
¹ Base GSN includes \$51.1 million for school authorities. It also includes \$316.9 million for planning provision amounts for possible in-year funding changes, which are not included in specific grants. Totals within each component in this paper may not add due to rounding.

2023–24 Projected Grant Allocations

Total: \$27.08B.¹



Supplemental Grants



¹ Total includes the following amounts which are not included in the pie chart: \$51.1million for school authorities and \$316.9 million for planning provision amounts for possible in-year changes, which are not included in specific grants.

Pupil Foundation Grant

The Pupil Foundation Grant is a per-pupil allocation that supports the elements of a classroom education that are required by, and generally common to, all students.

The Pupil Foundation Grant comprises five allocations:

- Kindergarten (JK/SK) Pupil Foundation Allocation
- Primary (Grades 1 to 3) Pupil Foundation Allocation
- Junior and Intermediate (Grades 4 to 8) Pupil Foundation Allocation
- Intermediate (Grades 7 and 8) Supplementary Pupil Foundation Allocation
- Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) Pupil Foundation Allocation

The Pupil Foundation Grant is projected to be \$11.84 billion in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Differentiated Funding for Online Learning

The online learning and the in-person and remote learning credit load benchmarks are being updated for the third year of a multi-year trajectory. The 2023–24 secondary benchmark for classroom teacher staffing through the Secondary Pupil Foundation Allocation and related grants will use a funded average credit load of 7.5 credits per pupil split between online learning (approximately 0.225) and in-person and remote learning (approximately 7.275).

Name Change of “Broadband Network Operations”

The Broadband Network Operations component is being renamed as the “Broadband Continuous Improvement” component, with no change to the purpose of the funding.

Pupil Foundation Grant Components

Classroom Staffing

Classroom Teachers

Salaries and benefits for classroom teachers to support funded average class sizes.

For elementary, funded average class sizes vary between kindergarten (JK/SK), primary (Grades 1 to 3), and junior/intermediate (Grades 4 to 8).

For secondary, funding for classroom teachers is differentiated between online learning and in-person and remote learning, reflecting different funded average class sizes (30:1 for online learning and 23:1 for in-person and remote learning). The total benchmark funded average credit load per pupil is 7.5 split between online learning (approximately 0.225 and in-person and remote learning (approximately 7.275). The online learning credit load is equivalent to approximately 22.5 per cent of secondary ADE in 2023–24 taking one online credit.

Preparation Time

Funding provided for preparation time for classroom teachers.

Specialist / Student Success Teachers

Salaries and benefits for the following:

- Elementary specialist teachers for kindergarten (JK/SK), primary (Grades 1 to 3), and junior and intermediate (Grades 4 to 8) students
- Secondary student success teachers for secondary (Grades 9 to 12) students

Early Childhood Educators (ECEs)

Salaries and benefits for ECEs to support the funded average class size for kindergarten allocated through the Kindergarten (JK/SK) Pupil Foundation Allocation.

Depending on junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten enrolment, supported schools may be eligible for additional funding support for ECE staffing in kindergarten classrooms.

Library Services

Salaries and benefits for teacher librarians.

Guidance Services, including Supporting Students in Career Counselling, Student Mental Health and Well-Being

Salaries and benefits for guidance teachers.

Guidance teachers funded through the Intermediate Supplementary Pupil Foundation Allocation support career counselling as well as student well-being and connections to supports for student mental health in Grades 7 to 12.

School boards have the flexibility to use this funding to focus on ensuring students and parents¹ are better informed about future options for initial postsecondary destinations (i.e., apprenticeship, college, community living, university and workplace) and their future careers, and to ensure students have the supports they need to succeed. The funding may support students and their families with preparing for the academic transition to secondary school (e.g., gap closing and course selection); providing opportunities for experiential learning that provide exposure to role models and positive examples of a diversity of careers; navigating career and postsecondary education pathways choices and transitions; and promoting well-being and connecting with mental health supports in keeping with the school boards' mental health strategies.

It is important to note that although funding is generated through Grades 7 and 8 enrolment, funding can be used to support elementary and secondary students from Grades 7 to 12.

Classroom Consultants

Salaries and benefits for teacher consultants and co-ordinators, such as reading specialists and program specialists, who assist teachers in developing classroom programming or who work with individual students.

Supply Teachers

Salaries and benefits for supply and occasional teachers.

Supply Early Childhood Educators

Salaries and benefits for supply early childhood educators.

Educational Assistants

Salaries and benefits for educational assistants who support students and teachers in the classroom.

¹ In this paper, “parents” refers to parents and guardians.

Professionals and Para-professionals

Salaries and benefits for staff who provide support services to students and teachers, such as attendance counsellors, lunchroom supervisors, hall monitors, social workers, child/youth workers, community workers, and computer technicians.

Professionals and para-professionals who provide support for special education, such as psychologists, psychometrists, and speech pathologists, are funded through a combination of the Pupil Foundation Grant, the Special Education Grant, and other supplemental grants.

Elementary Supervision

Student supervision in elementary schools.

Department Heads

Department head allowances in secondary schools.

Textbooks and Learning Materials

Textbooks and learning materials required to meet the learning expectations of the curriculum may include workbooks, resource materials, science supplies, lab material kits, library materials, instructional software, other digital learning tools, technology supporting remote and online education, as well as internet expenses. Learning materials may also include those materials that are used by a student and cannot be used again by another student in the next semester (e.g., a chemical used in a chemistry experiment).

Additional Educational Software Licensing

Digital learning tools that support learning in and outside of the classroom, in addition to funding available in the textbooks and learning materials component.

Classroom Supplies

Materials used in the classroom to facilitate effective learning, including classroom equipment. Classroom supplies are not learning materials.

Classroom Computers

Classroom computer hardware and the associated network costs.

Student Technological Devices

Technological devices for student learning, in addition to funding available in the classroom computers component.

Broadband Continuous Improvement

Network connectivity, network infrastructure, network security, and associated operations in schools and school board buildings. This funding is in addition to funding available in the classroom computers component.

Pupil Foundation Allocations

KINDERGARTEN (JK/SK) Pupil Foundation Allocation	# staff per 1,000 Average Daily Enrolment¹ (ADE)		benchmark salary + benefits (% of salary)	\$ allocation per ADE
In-person and Remote Learning Classroom Staffing Funded Average Class Size 25.57:2	Classroom Teacher ²	39.11	\$81,301 + 9.59%	\$3,484.61
	Specialist Teacher and Preparation Time ²	7.66		\$682.49
	Early Childhood Educator (ECE) ³	39.11	\$35,730 + 25.18%	\$1,749.18
Library Services	Teacher Librarian ²	1.31	\$81,301 + 9.59%	\$116.54
Classroom Consultant		0.41	\$111,917 + 9.35%	\$50.18
Supply Teacher				\$171.41
Supply ECE				\$98.36
Educational Assistant		0.20	\$49,569 + 25.18%	\$12.41
Professional/Para-Professional Support		1.73	\$66,052 + 20.17%	\$137.32
Elementary Supervision				\$29.04
Textbooks and Learning Materials				\$70.59
Additional Educational Software Licensing				\$0.86
Classroom Supplies				\$84.72
Classroom Computers				\$35.31
Student Technological Devices				\$7.27
Broadband Continuous Improvement				\$19.34
TOTAL Kindergarten (JK/SK) Per-Pupil Amount				\$6,749.63

NOTE: Pension plan contributions for teachers and other eligible members of the OTPP are matched by the government and are not included in the benefits benchmarks.

$$\text{Kindergarten (JK/SK) Pupil Foundation Allocation} = \text{Kindergarten ADE} \times \$6,749.63$$

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- 1 For the purposes of this paper, "ADE" refers to regular day-school average daily enrolment (ADE) for pupils of the board, unless otherwise specified.
 - 2 Additional funding is recognized through the Teacher Qualifications & Experience (Q&E) Allocation of the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Q&E Grant.
 - 3 Additional funding is recognized through the Early Childhood Educator Q&E Allocation of the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Q&E Grant.

PRIMARY (Grades 1 to 3) Pupil Foundation Allocation	# staff per 1,000 ADE		benchmark salary + benefits (% of salary)	\$ allocation per ADE
In-person and Remote Learning Classroom Staffing Class size 19.8:1	Classroom Teacher ¹	50.51	\$81,301 + 9.59%	\$4,500.33
	Specialist Teacher and Preparation Time ¹	9.67		\$861.58
	Teacher Librarian ¹	1.31		\$116.54
Classroom Consultant		0.41	\$111,917 + 9.35%	\$50.18
Supply Teacher				\$171.41
Educational Assistant		0.20	\$49,569 + 25.18%	\$12.41
Professional/Para-Professional Support		1.73	\$66,052 + 20.17%	\$137.32
Elementary Supervision				\$29.04
Textbooks and Learning Materials				\$70.59
Additional Educational Software Licensing				\$0.86
Classroom Supplies				\$84.72
Classroom Computers				\$35.31
Student Technological Devices				\$7.27
Broadband Continuous Improvement				\$19.34
TOTAL Primary Per-Pupil Amount				\$6,096.90

NOTE: Pension plan contributions for teachers and other eligible members of the OTPP are matched by the government and are not included in the benefits benchmarks.

Primary Pupil Foundation Allocation = Grades 1 to 3 ADE × \$6,096.90

¹ Additional funding is recognized through the Teacher Q&E Allocation of the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Q&E Grant.

JUNIOR and INTERMEDIATE (Grades 4 to 8) Pupil Foundation Allocation	# staff per 1,000 ADE		benchmark salary + benefits (% of salary)	\$ allocation per ADE
In-person and Remote Learning Classroom Staffing Class size 24.5:1	Classroom Teacher ¹	40.82	\$81,301 + 9.59%	\$3,636.97
	Specialist Teacher and Preparation Time ¹	7.96		\$709.22
	Teacher Librarian ¹	1.31		\$116.54
Classroom Consultant		0.41	\$111,917 + 9.35%	\$50.18
Supply Teacher				\$171.41
Educational Assistant		0.20	\$49,569 + 25.18%	\$12.41
Professional/Para-Professional Support		1.73	\$66,052 + 20.17%	\$137.32
Elementary Supervision				\$29.04
Textbooks and Learning Materials				\$70.59
Additional Educational Software Licensing				\$0.86
Classroom Supplies				\$84.72
Classroom Computers				\$35.31
Student Technological Devices				\$7.27
Broadband Continuous Improvement				\$19.34
TOTAL Junior and Intermediate Per-Pupil Amount				\$5,081.18

NOTE: Pension plan contributions for teachers and other eligible members of the OTPP are matched by the government and are not included in the benefits benchmarks.

Junior and Intermediate Pupil Foundation Allocation
= Grades 4 to 8 ADE × \$5,081.18

¹ Additional funding is recognized through the Teacher Q&E Allocation of the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Q&E Grant.

INTERMEDIATE (Grades 7 and 8) Supplementary Pupil Foundation Allocation	# staff per 1,000 ADE	benchmark salary + benefits (% of salary)	\$ allocation per ADE
Guidance Teacher: Supporting Students in Career Counselling, Student Mental Health and Well-Being ¹ .	2.60	\$81,301 + 9.59%	\$231.65

NOTE: Pension plan contributions for teachers and other eligible members of the OTPP are matched by the government and are not included in the benefits benchmarks.

Intermediate Supplementary Pupil Foundation Allocation

$$= \text{Grades 7 and 8 ADE} \times \$231.65$$

¹ Additional funding is recognized through the Teacher Q&E Allocation of the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Q&E Grant.

SECONDARY (Grades 9 to 12) Pupil Foundation Allocation	# staff per 1,000 ADE		benchmark salary + benefits (% of salary)	\$ allocation per ADE
In-person and Remote Learning Classroom Staffing Class size 23:1 Credit load per pupil 7.275	Classroom Teacher ¹	39.54	\$81,301 + 9.59%	\$3,522.93
	Student Success Teacher and Preparation Time ¹	14.12		\$1,258.06
Online Learning Classroom Staffing Class size 30:1 Credit load per pupil 0.225	Classroom Teacher ¹	0.94		\$83.75
	Preparation Time ¹	0.31		\$27.62
Library Services	Teacher Librarian ¹	1.10		\$98.01
Guidance Services	Guidance Teacher ¹	2.60		\$231.65
Classroom Consultant		0.46		\$111,917 + 9.35%
Supply Teacher				\$125.38
Professional/Para-Professional Support		2.21	\$66,052 + 20.17%	\$175.42
Department Head Allowance		9.00	\$5,127 + 9.59%	\$50.57
Textbooks and Learning Materials				\$94.41
Additional Educational Software Licensing				\$0.86
Classroom Supplies				\$193.21
Classroom Computers				\$46.07
Student Technological Devices				\$7.27
Broadband Continuous Improvement				\$19.34
TOTAL Secondary Per-Pupil Amount				\$5,990.85

NOTE: Pension plan contributions for teachers and other eligible members of the OTPP are matched by the government and are not included in the benefits benchmarks.

Secondary Pupil Foundation Allocation = (Grades 9 to 12 ADE × \$5,990.85)

¹ Additional funding is recognized through the Teacher Q&E Allocation of the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Q&E Grant.

School Foundation Grant

The School Foundation Grant provides school-based funding for in-school administration and leadership and related costs, as well as funding to support targeted library staff for elementary schools and parent engagement.

The School Foundation Grant comprises four allocations:

- In-School Administration and Leadership Allocation – \$1.61 billion
- Remote Learning Administration Allocation – \$10.1 million
- Library Staff Allocation – \$10.39 million
- Parent Engagement Allocation – \$5.47 million

The School Foundation Grant is projected to be \$1.64 billion in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Remote Learning Administration

A new \$10.1 million Remote Learning Administration Allocation is being added to the School Foundation Grant to support remote learning administration.

For students who wish to enroll in remote learning, school boards may offer remote learning instruction directly, they may partner with another school board to provide remote learning instruction on their behalf, or they may work with other school boards to deliver remote learning collaboratively.

Each school board with remote learning enrolment will generate funding to support the cost of salaries and benefits of administrative staff (i.e., principal, vice-principal, school office support and information technology (IT)) based on a per-pupil amount as follows:

$$\text{Total remote learning elementary and secondary ADE} \times \$479.27$$

Remote learning ADE is excluded from the ADE used in the In-School Administration Allocation and other school-based/school facility based allocations within the GSN.

School boards will need to create a remote Board School ID (BSID) for each panel to track remote learning ADE.

See “Remote Learning Administration Allocation” in this section of the document.

Definition of “School”

The definition of a school for the purposes of calculating the School Foundation Grant¹ for each school board is as follows:

- One or more school facility/facilities operated by the school board and located on a single campus with student enrolment (ADE) greater than zero (excluding remote learning ADE). A campus is defined as property or properties owned, leased or rented by a school board that are linked by a contiguous property line.

A school is identified as one of the following:

- an elementary school when it consists of only elementary school facilities
- a secondary school when it consists of only secondary school facilities
- a combined elementary/secondary school when a school consists of both elementary and secondary school facilities (e.g., Grades 7 and 8 with Grades 9 to 12)

Tiers

Three tiers of schools based on distance criteria allow for differentiated support for schools as follows:

Supported School² (these schools are also eligible to generate funding through the Supported Schools Allocation in the Geographic Circumstances Grant), defined as one of the following:

- a. an elementary school where the next closest elementary school of the board is at least 20 km away
- b. a secondary or combined elementary/secondary school where the next closest secondary or combined elementary/secondary school of the board is at least 45 km away

Distant School, defined as one of the following:

1 The definition of a school for the purposes of the School Foundation Grant is also used for calculating funding within the Actualisation linguistique en français, Supported Schools Allocation, Mental Health Workers Allocation, External Audit Allocation and Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation.

2 Supported schools are referred to as “outlying schools” in the GSN regulation.

- a. an elementary school that is not a supported school but where the next closest elementary school of the board is at least 10 km away
- b. a secondary or combined elementary/secondary school that is not a supported school but where the next closest secondary/combined elementary/secondary school of the board is at least 20 km away

Regular School, defined as a school which is neither distant nor supported.

French-language school boards’ regular schools will generate funding as if they were distant schools. This investment recognizes that school boards operating in a minority language context may face greater difficulty in meeting school size thresholds.

In-school Administration and Leadership Allocation

The In-school Administration and Leadership Allocation provides funding for in-school administration and leadership (salaries and benefits for principals, vice-principals, and office support staff), as well as supplies for school administration purposes. School boards are responsible for decisions regarding the allocation of in-school administration staff to individual schools.

Below are the funding calculations for the various components of this allocation.

In-School Administration and Leadership Benchmarks

Funded Salary and Benefits Benchmarks

Staff	Salary Benchmark	Benefits (% of Salary)
Principal	\$127,058	9.35%
Vice-Principal	\$121,496	9.35%
School Office Support Staff	\$49,723	25.08%

Number of Funded Principals – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School Enrolment (ADE)	Supported Schools	Distant Schools and French-Language Regular Schools	English-Language Regular Schools
$0 < ADE < 50$	0.5	$ADE / 100$	$ADE / 150$
$50 \leq ADE < 100$			
$100 \leq ADE < 150$	1	1	
$ADE \geq 150$			1

Multi-Building Schools – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Any multi-building elementary school on a campus with the following ADE receives funding for one additional full-time equivalent (FTE) principal:

	Schools in English-language school boards	Schools in French-language school boards
Average Building Enrolment	$ADE \geq 300$	$ADE \geq 150$
Enrolment in Each Building	$ADE \geq 150$	$ADE \geq 100$

Number of Funded Vice-Principals – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School Enrolment (ADE)	Supported, Distant and Regular Schools
$0 < ADE < 250$	0
$250 \leq ADE < 500$	$(ADE - 250) \times 0.003$
$500 \leq ADE < 1,000$	$0.75 + (ADE - 500) \times 0.0025$
$ADE \geq 1,000$	2

Number of Funded School Office Support Staff – ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School Enrolment (ADE)	Supported Schools	Distant and Regular Schools
$0 < ADE < 100$	1	$ADE / 100$
$100 \leq ADE < 250$	$1 + (ADE - 100) \times 0.00125$	$1 + (ADE - 100) \times 0.00125$
$250 \leq ADE < 300$	$1.1875 + (ADE - 250) \times 0.002$	$1.1875 + (ADE - 250) \times 0.002$
$300 \leq ADE < 500$	$1.2875 + (ADE - 300) \times 0.003125$	$1.2875 + (ADE - 300) \times 0.003125$
$ADE \geq 500$	$1.9125 + (ADE - 500) \times 0.003675$	$1.9125 + (ADE - 500) \times 0.003675$

Number of Funded Principals – SECONDARY AND COMBINED ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY

School Enrolment (ADE)	Supported Schools	Distant Schools / French-Language Regular Schools	English-Language Regular Schools
$0 < ADE < 50$	0.5	$ADE / 100$	$ADE / 200$
$50 \leq ADE < 100$	1		
$100 \leq ADE < 200$		1	
$ADE \geq 200$			1

Multi-Building Schools – SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Any multi-building secondary school (i.e., multiple buildings on a single campus) with the following ADE receives funding for one additional FTE principal:

	Schools in English-language school boards	Schools in French-language school boards
Average Building Enrolment	$ADE \geq 700$	$ADE \geq 350$
Enrolment in Each Building	$ADE \geq 200$	$ADE \geq 150$

Combined Schools

Any combined elementary/secondary school with at least 350 ADE and at least 100 elementary ADE and at least 100 secondary ADE receives funding for one additional FTE principal.

The number of funded vice-principals in a secondary and combined elementary/secondary school is outlined in the following table:

Number of Funded Vice-Principals – SECONDARY AND COMBINED ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY

School Enrolment (ADE)	Supported Schools	Distant Schools / French-Language Regular Schools	English-Language Regular Schools
0 < ADE < 50	0	0	0
50 ≤ ADE < 100	ADE / 500		
100 ≤ ADE < 200		ADE / 500	ADE / 500
ADE ≥ 200			

Number of Funded School Office Support Staff – SECONDARY AND COMBINED ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY

School Enrolment (ADE)	Supported Schools	Distant and Regular Schools
0 < ADE < 100	1	ADE / 100
100 ≤ ADE < 500	$1 + (ADE - 100) \times 0.003125$	$1 + (ADE - 100) \times 0.003125$
500 ≤ ADE < 1,000	$2.25 + (ADE - 500) \times 0.0055$	$2.25 + (ADE - 500) \times 0.0055$
ADE ≥ 1,000	$5 + (ADE - 1,000) \times 0.004$	$5 + (ADE - 1,000) \times 0.004$

Additional Support – COMBINED ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY

School Enrolment (ADE)	Supported Schools	Distant Schools / French-Language Regular Schools	English-Language Regular Schools
0 < ADE < 50	\$3,000	ADE x \$45	ADE x \$13.40
50 ≤ ADE < 100	\$6,000		
100 ≤ ADE < 200		\$4,500	\$2,700
200 ≤ ADE < 600			
600 ≤ ADE < 1,200	\$6,000 – ((ADE-600) x \$10)	\$4,500 – ((ADE-600) x \$7.50)	\$2,700 – ((ADE-600) x \$4.50)
ADE ≥ 1,200	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

School Office Supplies – ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY AND COMBINED ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY SCHOOLS

School Office Supplies Benchmark	Elementary	Secondary and Combined Elementary/Secondary
Per-School Amount	\$2,118.12	\$3,151.35
Per-Pupil Amount	\$6.20 per ADE	\$7.23 per ADE

A school’s total In-School Administration and Leadership Allocation is the sum of the following components:

- the number of funded principals, vice-principals, and school office support staff multiplied by the funded salary and benefits benchmark amounts
- the additional support for combined elementary/secondary schools amount
- the school office supplies based on the per-school and per-pupil components

The In-School Administration and Leadership Allocation is projected to be \$1.61 billion in 2023–24.

Remote Learning Administration Allocation

The Remote Learning Administration Allocation provides funding to support school board costs related to the administration of remote learning instruction (salaries and benefits for principals, vice-principals, office support staff and information technology (IT) staff). Each school board will generate funding using a per-pupil amount as follows:

Total remote learning elementary and secondary ADE x \$479.27

The Remote Learning Administration Allocation is projected to be \$10.1 million in 2023–24.

Library Staff Allocation

The Library Staff Allocation is provided for teacher-librarians and/or library technicians to support the learning of elementary school students.

The funding is based on fixed amounts of \$54,498.07 per school board and \$1,814.78 per elementary school within each school board, as below:

\$54,498.07 per school board + (\$1,814.78 per elementary school)

Funding for this program is enveloped separately within the School Foundation Grant. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The Library Staff Allocation is projected to be \$10.39 million in 2023–24.

Parent Engagement Allocation

Parent engagement funding is provided to support the parent engagement activities of the school board's parent involvement committee (PIC), school councils and parents.

School boards are expected to comply with Ontario Regulation 612/00: *School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees*.

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Component

All school boards in Ontario are required to have a parent involvement committee (PIC). The purpose of a PIC is to support, encourage and enhance parent

engagement at the school board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being by:

- providing information and advice on parent engagement to the school board
- communicating with and supporting school councils
- undertaking activities to help parents of students support their children's learning at home and at school

This component is calculated as follows:

$$\$5,000 + (\$0.17 \text{ per ADE})$$

School Council Component

At the school level, through the active participation of parents, school councils work to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents. This funding is to be allocated to support the work of each school council.

This component is calculated as follows:

$$\$500 \text{ per school}^1$$

Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Component

This funding supports initiatives that identify and address local parent needs and/or remove barriers that prevent parents from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning and educational progress. Essential to this process is ensuring that parents have access and inclusive means to support their engagement.

School boards are to allocate the total PRO funding amount in consultation with their PIC to identify and align with local, equitable and inclusive funding priorities.

School boards are also encouraged to consult broadly with additional parent organizations, for example, Indigenous Education Council, Special Education Advisory Committee, as well as Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education, Ontario Federation of Home and School Association, Parents partenaires en éducation, and representative organizations such as the board's equity and access body, school councils, and community organizations to identify the diversity of parent needs.

¹ Each school generates \$500, and any combined elementary/secondary school of at least 350 students (with at least 100 elementary students and at least 100 secondary students) generates an additional \$500.

This component is calculated as follows:

$$\$1,500 + (\$500 \text{ per school})^1$$

The Parent Engagement Allocation is projected to be \$5.47 million in 2023–24.

Supplemental Grants

The 16 Supplemental Grants recognize the circumstances beyond those that are captured in the two foundation grants. The Supplemental Grants recognize that different levels of support are required by school boards to provide quality education in different locations, to respond to the needs of particular students and schools and support varying demographic profiles, as follows:

	Grant Name	Projected Funding
1.	Special Education Grant	\$3,405.4M
2.	Language Grant	\$956.8M
3.	Indigenous Education Grant	\$137.7M
4.	Geographic Circumstances Grant	\$225.2M
5.	Learning Opportunities Grant	\$602.0M
6.	Mental Health and Well-Being Grant	\$130.4M
7.	Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant	\$143.2M
8.	Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grant	\$2,388.0M
9.	Supports for Students Fund	\$219.6M
10.	Program Leadership Grant	\$74.2M
11.	Student Transportation Grant	\$1,233.2M
12.	Declining Enrolment Adjustment	\$21.1M
13.	School Board Administration and Governance Grant	\$656.8M
14.	School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant	\$2,707.7M
	BASE	\$12,901.1M¹
15.	Debt Service Costs (includes interest expense and non-permanently financed capital debt)	\$315.7M
16.	One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund	\$17.1M
	TOTAL	\$13,234.0M

¹ Base excludes \$51.1 million for school authorities. It also excludes \$316.9 million for planning provision amounts for possible in-year funding changes, which are not included in specific grants. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Special Education Grant

The Special Education Grant provides additional funding to school boards to support students who need special education programs, services, and/or equipment.

The Special Education Grant comprises the following six allocations:

- Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA) Allocation – \$1.69 billion
- Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA) Allocation – \$1.26 billion
- Special Equipment Amount (SEA) Allocation – \$142.1 million
- Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Allocation – \$159.1 million
- Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP) Allocation – \$114.8 million
- Behaviour Expertise Amount (BEA) Allocation – \$39.0 million

The Special Education Grant may only be used for special education. Any unspent funding must be treated as deferred revenue for special education. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The Special Education Grant is projected to be approximately \$3.41 billion in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Transfer of Early Math Intervention for Students with Special Education Needs into the GSN

Funding of \$8.3 million to support early math intervention for elementary students with special education needs is moving from PPF into the DSENA Allocation as a new Early Math Intervention amount. This funding helps increase student engagement, close learning gaps and ensure students are prepared for the transition into a de-streamed Grade 9 curriculum. With this funding, school boards can continue to identify and consolidate instructional strategies and supports for students with special education needs to address gaps in mathematics achievement.

Funding includes a base amount of \$106,816.10 and a per-pupil amount of \$0.28.

See “Early Math Intervention Amount” in this section of the document.

Interim Formula-Based Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Funding Approach

Special Incidence Portion (SIP) funding for the 2023–24 school year is based on an interim formula to immediately reduce the administratively burdensome claims process.

Accordingly, SIP funding for each school board for 2023–24 is allocated based on the school board’s historical SIP funding amounts plus a growth rate applied.

Each school board’s SIP Allocation amount is set out in the GSN regulation.

See “Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Allocation” in this section of the document.

Special Education Per-Pupil Amount (SEPPA) Allocation

The SEPPA Allocation recognizes the cost of providing additional assistance to the majority of students with special education needs. The SEPPA is allocated to school boards on the basis of total enrolment as follows.

- \$1,087.90 per JK to Grade 3 student
- \$835.65 per Grade 4 to 8 student
- \$549.95 per Grade 9 to 12 student

The SEPPA Allocation is projected to be approximately \$1.69 billion in 2023–24.

Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA) Allocation

The DSENA Allocation addresses the variation among school boards with respect to students with special education needs and school boards’ abilities to respond to those needs.

The DSENA Allocation is made up of the following amounts:

- Measures of Variability (MOV) amount – \$305.2 million
- Special Education Statistical Prediction Model (SESPM) amount – \$835.5 million
- Base Amount for Collaboration and Integration amount – \$35.5 million
- Multi-Disciplinary Supports amount – \$54.6 million
- Local Special Education Priorities amount – \$16.8 million
- Early Math Intervention amount – \$8.3 million

Measures of Variability (MOV) Amount

The MOV amount is based on seven categories of data to reflect school boards' population of students with special education needs and ability to respond to these needs. The total MOV amount is distributed among all school boards.

Each category has an assigned percentage of the total MOV amount. Each category has one or more factors, and each factor has an assigned percentage of the category total.

The percentage of MOV funding available for each category/subcategory (see MOV Table 1 below) multiplied by the provincial MOV amount, determines the provincial funding for that factor.

Each school board's projected MOV amount is set out in the GSN regulation.

MOV Table 1: Provincial Funding for Each MOV Factor				
	Category	Factor(s)	% of MOV Funding for Category	% of MOV Funding for Sub-Category
1	Students reported as receiving special education programs and/or services	2020-21 data as reported by school boards (one factor)	29.2%	
2	Participation and achievement in Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments by students with special education needs	2018–19 data for factors listed in sub-categories:	29.2%	
		Sub-Category 2A: Grade 3 students (including gifted) with special education needs who were exempt, below, or reached Level 1 (six factors)		10.0%
		Sub-Category 2B: Grade 6 students (including gifted) with special education needs who were exempt, below, or reached Level 1 (six factors)		10.0%

MOV Table 1: Provincial Funding for Each MOV Factor

	Category	Factor(s)	% of MOV Funding for Category	% of MOV Funding for Sub-Category
		Sub-Category 2C: Grade 3 and Grade 6 students with special education needs (including gifted) with three or more accommodations (two factors)		9.1%
3	Credit accumulation and participation in locally developed and alternative non-credit courses (K-Courses) by students with special education needs	2020-21 data for factors listed in sub-categories:	14.6%	
		Sub-Category 3A: Students with special education needs earned five or less credits in Grade 9 or earned 13 or less credits in Grade 10 (two factors)		11.9%
		Sub-Category 3B: Grade 9 and Grade 10 students with special education needs enrolled in Locally Developed Courses (LDCs) (two factors)		1.3%
		Sub-Category 3C: Grade 9 and Grade 10 Students with special education needs enrolled in K-Courses (two factors)		1.5%
4	Remote and Rural Allocation Adjustment	Reflects components of the Geographic Circumstances Grant Remote and Rural Allocation	12.4%	
		Sub-Category 4A: School Board Enrolment (one factor)		6.2%

MOV Table 1: Provincial Funding for Each MOV Factor

	Category	Factor(s)	% of MOV Funding for Category	% of MOV Funding for Sub-Category
		Sub-Category 4B: Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence (one factor)		1.4%
		Sub-Category 4C: School Dispersion (one factor)		4.8%
5	Indigenous Adjustment	Reflects the estimated National Household Survey (NHS)-based weighted enrolment that is Indigenous (one factor)	7.3%	
6	French-language School Board Adjustment	Recognition of school boards operating in an official language minority context and their size.	3.9%	
		Sub-Category 6A: Base amount of \$492,610.71 per school board (one factor).		1.9%
		Sub-Category 6B: School Board Enrolment (one factor).		2.0%
7	Northern Adjustment	Allocation to each of three Northern Adjustment Cooperatives to address the challenges associated with providing programs and / or services to students with special education needs in Northern Ontario (two factors).	3.4%	
		Sub-Category 7A: Northern Supports Component (one factor)		2.9%
		Sub-Category 7B: Integrated Supports Component (one factor)		0.5%

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding

The seven MOV categories and its 29 factors are described below.

MOV Categories 1 to 3:

The first three categories of MOV use data to develop a school board profile of special education needs. These categories compare each school board to the provincial average on each of the factors, to determine its special education needs profile. This is done by attributing each school board with a weight derived from their data point in relation to the provincial average. The MOV weights for categories 1 to 3 are calculated as follows:

Weight	Data ranges (DSB vs. Provincial Average)
0.8	<-30%
0.9	-30% to < -10%
1	-10% to < +10% (of Provincial Average)
1.1	+10% to < +30%
1.2	≥ +30%

The calculation for these three categories is as follows:

- a) The school board's data for each factor determines its weight, using the ranges described above. Specific ranges for each data point can be found below.
- b) The school board's factor number is determined by its weight for the factor multiplied by its ADE. The school board's factor number is divided by the total of all 72 school boards' factor numbers combined for that factor. This ratio is then multiplied by the amount of funding available for that factor to determine the school board's funding for that factor.

The following tables summarize the proportion of the MOV total that is allocated to each category and its factors, as well as the ranges for each category or factor.

Category 1: Prevalence of students reported as receiving special education programs and/or services by school boards. Prevalence for this category is the total number of students reported as receiving special education programs and/or services divided by total enrolment (one factor).

Prevalence of students reported as receiving special education programs and services: 29.2% of MOV

Weight	Range
0.8	< 12.12%
0.9	12.12% to < 15.58%
1.0	15.58% to < 19.04%
1.1	19.04% to < 22.51%
1.2	≥ 22.51%

Category 2: Participation and achievement in EQAO assessments by students with special education needs who were eligible to take that EQAO assessment (Elementary enrolment counts only).

Sub-Category 2A: Prevalence of participation and achievement in Grade 3 EQAO assessments by students with special education needs, including gifted, who were exempt, below, or reached Level 1 or less (six factors).

2A – EQAO Achievement – Grade 3; 10.0% of MOV						
Weight	Males Reading (20% of 2A)	Females Reading (15% of 2A)	Males Writing (20% of 2A)	Females Writing (15% of 2A)	Males Math (15% of 2A)	Females Math (15% of 2A)
0.8	< 11.43%	< 9.48%	< 9.70%	< 7.28%	< 18.55%	< 23.43%
0.9	11.43% to < 14.69%	9.48% to < 12.19%	9.70% to < 12.48%	7.28% to < 9.36%	18.55% to < 23.86%	23.43% to < 30.13%
1	14.69% to < 17.96%	12.19% to < 14.90%	12.48% to < 15.25%	9.36% to < 11.44%	23.86% to < 29.16%	30.13% to < 36.83%
1.1	17.96% to < 21.22%	14.90% to < 17.61%	15.25% to < 18.02%	11.44% to < 13.52%	29.16% to < 34.46%	36.83% to < 43.52%
1.2	≥ 21.22%	≥ 17.61%	≥ 18.02%	≥ 13.52%	≥ 34.46%	≥ 43.52%

Sub-Category 2B: Prevalence of participation and achievement in Grade 6 EQAO assessments by students with special education needs, including gifted, who were exempt, below, or reached Level 1 or less (six factors).

2B – EQAO Achievement – Grade 6; 10.0% of MOV						
Weight	Males Reading (20% of 2B)	Females Reading (15% of 2B)	Males Writing (20% of 2B)	Females Writing (15% of 2B)	Males Math (15% of 2B)	Females Math (15% of 2B)
0.8	< 7.08%	< 5.69%	< 7.75%	< 5.50%	< 31.36%	< 35.76%
0.9	7.08% to < 9.11%	5.69% to < 7.32%	7.75% to < 9.96%	5.50% to < 7.07%	31.36% to < 40.31%	35.76% to < 45.97%
1	9.11% to < 11.13%	7.32% to < 8.95%	9.96% to < 12.18%	7.07% to < 8.64%	40.31% to < 49.27%	45.97% to < 56.19%
1.1	11.13% to < 13.16%	8.95% to < 10.57%	12.18% to < 14.39%	8.64% to < 10.22%	49.27% to < 58.23%	56.19% to < 66.40%
1.2	≥ 13.16%	≥ 10.57%	≥ 14.39%	≥ 10.22%	≥ 58.23%	≥ 66.40%

Sub-Category 2C: Prevalence of students with special education needs, including gifted, who required 3 or more accommodations (e.g., extra time, coloured paper, SEA equipment use, etc.) for EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments (two factors).

2C – EQAO accommodations; 9.1% of MOV		
Weight	Grade 3 (50% of 2C)	Grade 6 (50% of 2C)
0.8	< 18.94%	< 16.22%
0.9	18.94% to < 24.35%	16.22% to < 20.85%
1	24.35% to < 29.76%	20.85% to < 25.48%
1.1	29.76% to < 35.17%	25.48% to < 30.12%
1.2	≥ 35.17%	≥ 30.12%

Category 3: Credit accumulation and participation in locally developed and alternative non-credit courses (K-Courses) by students with special education needs (secondary enrolment counts only).

Sub-Category 3A: Prevalence of Grade 9 and 10 credit accumulation for students with special education needs. Prevalence for Grade 9 is that of those who earned five or less credits; and prevalence for Grade 10 is that of those who earned 13 or fewer credits (two factors).

3A – Credit accumulation; 11.9% of MOV

Weight	Earned 5 or less credits in Grade 9 (40% of 3A)	Earned 13 or less credits in Grade 10 (60% of 3A)
0.8	< 11.43%	< 15.44%
0.9	11.43% to < 14.69%	15.44% to < 19.85%
1	14.69% to < 17.96%	19.85% to < 24.26%
1.1	17.96% to < 21.23%	24.26% to < 28.67%
1.2	≥ 21.23%	≥ 28.67%

Sub-Category 3B: Prevalence of Grade 9 and Grade 10 students with special education needs enrolled in locally developed courses (two factors).

3B – Enrolled in LD Courses; 1.3% of MOV

Weight	Enrolled in LD Courses Grade 9 (40% of 3B)	Enrolled in LD Courses Grade 10 (60% of 3B)
0.8	< 13.44%	< 13.61%
0.9	13.44% to < 17.29%	13.61% to < 17.5%
1	17.29% to < 21.13%	17.5% to < 21.38%
1.1	21.13% to < 24.97%	21.38% to < 25.27%
1.2	≥ 24.97%	≥ 25.27%

Sub-Category 3C: Prevalence of Grade 9 and Grade 10 students with special education needs enrolled in alternative non-credit courses (K-courses) (two factors).

**3C – Enrolled in alternative non-credit courses (K Courses);
1.5% of MOV**

Weight	Enrolled in K-Courses Grade 9 (40% of 3C)	Enrolled in K-Courses Grade 10 (60% of 3C)
0.8	< 4.50%	< 4.32%
0.9	4.50% to < 5.78%	4.32% to < 5.55%
1	5.78% to < 7.07%	5.55% to < 6.79%
1.1	7.07% to < 8.35%	6.79% to < 8.02%
1.2	≥ 8.35%	≥ 8.02%

MOV Categories 4 to 7

Categories 4 to 7 address each school board's ability to respond to its population of students with special education needs. This is done by accounting for other external factors that affect the school board's ability to meet these needs. These four categories are as follows:

- Remote and Rural Allocation Adjustment (*category 4*)
- Indigenous Education Grant Adjustment (*category 5*)
- French-language School Board Adjustment (*category 6*)
- Northern Adjustment (*category 7*)

Category 4: Remote and Rural Allocation Adjustment

The MOV's Remote and Rural Allocation Adjustment provides school boards with funding based on three sub-categories/factors that align with components of the Remote and Rural Allocation of the Geographic Circumstances Grant. These three sub-categories are below:

- Sub-Category 4A: School Board Enrolment (one factor)
- Sub-Category 4B: Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence (one factor)
- Sub-Category 4C: School Dispersion (one factor)

Category 5: Indigenous Adjustment

Each school board receives a percentage of available funding based on its share of weighted enrolment calculated as follows: $ADE \times \text{estimated NHS percentage of enrolment that is Indigenous} \times \text{PPA weighting factor}$. Further information on these percentages and weighting factors can be found in the Indigenous Education Grant section of this paper. This category complements the ministry's effort to better reflect each school board's ability to respond to its population of students with special education needs. This is done by accounting for other external factors that affect the school board's ability to meet these needs (one factor).

Category 6: French-Language School Board Adjustment

This category recognizes that school boards operating in a minority language context have unique challenges supporting students with special education needs, while also recognizing board size for all French-language school boards. There are two factors in this category.

- Sub-Category 6A: Base amount of \$492,610.71 per school board in a minority language context (one factor)
- Sub-Category 6B: School Board Enrolment (one factor)

Category 7: Northern Adjustment

The Northern Adjustment category supports a regional collaboration model that serves all northern district school boards and isolate board school authorities through three regional cooperatives. There are two factors in this category.

The Northern Adjustment cooperatives determine local special education priorities, including in underserved rural and remote communities in Northern Ontario, through the following:

- Delivery of joint, innovative and cost-effective special education programs and services that address the challenges associated with providing programs and services to students with special education needs
- Coordinated and integrated assessment, consultation and treatment services on a multi-agency, multi-ministry basis to children and youth with physical, psychological and educational challenges

The Northern Adjustment includes the following two components:

- Sub-Category 7A: Northern Supports component (one factor)
- Sub-Category 7B: Integrated Supports component (one factor)

Cooperative	Northern Supports Component (Sub-Category 7A)	Integrated Supports Component (Sub-Category 7B)	Northern Adjustment Total
North East	\$3.7 million	\$0.6 million	\$4.3 million
North West	\$2.0 million	\$0.3 million	\$2.3 million
Northern French-language	\$3.2 million	\$0.6 million	\$3.7 million

Funding is allocated to one school board in each of the three regional cooperatives to administer on behalf of all district school boards and isolate board school authorities within the cooperatives:

- North East cooperative, administered by District School Board Ontario North East
 - The 11 school boards, including isolate boards, that benefit from the programs and / or services established by this cooperative are the following:
 - Algoma DSB
 - DSB Ontario North East
 - Huron-Superior Catholic DSB

- Near North DSB
 - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB
 - Northeastern Catholic DSB
 - Rainbow DSB
 - Sudbury Catholic DSB
 - James Bay Lowlands Secondary DS Area Board
 - Moose Factory Island DS Area Board
 - Moosonee DS Area Board
- North West cooperative, administered by Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board
 - The eight school boards that benefit from the programs and / or services established by this cooperative are the following:
 - Keewatin-Patricia DSB
 - Kenora Catholic DSB
 - Lakehead DSB
 - Northwest Catholic DSB
 - Rainy River DSB
 - Superior North Catholic DSB
 - Superior-Greenstone DSB
 - Thunder Bay Catholic DSB
- Northern French-language cooperative, administered by Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario
 - The six school boards that benefit from the programs and / or services established by this cooperative are the following:
 - CSP du Grand Nord de l'Ontario
 - CSP du Nord-Est de l'Ontario
 - CSCD des Grandes Rivières
 - CSDC Franco-Nord
 - CSDC des Aurores boréales
 - CSDC du Nouvel-Ontario

Funding provided through the Northern Adjustment category of the MOV may only be used for its intended purpose – regionally determined special education priorities that are addressed through joint, innovative and cost-effective special education programs and services. Any unspent funding must be reported as deferred revenue to be used for Northern Adjustment initiatives in future years. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Special Education Statistical Prediction Model (SESPM)

The SESPM is a logistic regression model that draws from the latest available Ontario Ministry of Education anonymized student data, 2020–21 OnSIS data (most recent available), merged with census indicators from the 2006 Statistics Canada’s census, to estimate the proportion of students predicted to receive special education programs and services in each of Ontario's district school boards.¹

The prediction value for each school board reflects the relationship between the actual percentage of students reported to be receiving special education programs and/or services in the school board and the average level of socio-economic status of all students enrolled in the school board.

The following demographic factors were used:

- Occupational structure
- Median income
- Parent level of education
- Percentage of families below Statistics Canada's low-income cut-off occupational structure
- Percentage of unemployed individuals
- Percentage of Indigenous families
- Percentage of recent immigrants
- Percentage of individuals who moved in previous year
- Metropolitan influence zone

The likelihood that a student will receive special education programs and/or services is estimated with a logistic regression model, which models the probability of a student being identified as receiving special education programs and/or services (e.g., $Y_1 = 1$ if reported; $Y_1 = 0$ if not reported) as a function of a set of n covariates or predictors.

The analysis is informed by the predictive power of 14 separate logistic regression models, including one for each of the 12 definitions within the ministry’s categories of exceptionalities², one for students ‘non-identified with an Individual Education Plan (IEP),’ and one for students ‘non-identified without an IEP.’

1 The SESPM regression model was originally developed in 2009 by Dr. J. Douglas Willms from the University of New Brunswick’s Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy.

2 There are five categories and twelve definitions of exceptionalities as follows:
BEHAVIOUR – Behaviour

For each school board, the prediction formulae for these 14 models were used to predict the proportion of students who could be expected to receive special education programs and/or services in each category, given the demographic characteristics of all the students served by the school board, and then summed to achieve an estimate of the total predicted proportion of students who could be expected to receive special education programs and/or services.

The functional form of the model is as follows:

$$\text{Probability } (Y_1 = 1, \text{ given a student's set of background characteristics}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_n)}}$$

where Y_1 denotes whether or not a student was reported as receiving special education programs and/or services; and $x_1 \dots x_n$ are the student's grade, gender and 2006 census-derived demographic characteristics.

The regression coefficients, $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$ are estimated from the anonymized data for all Ontario students in 2020–21. With these estimates, the model estimates the probability that a student with a particular set of background characteristics would receive special education programs and/or services.

Therefore, in a school board where each student's age, grade, and census-derived demographic characteristics are known, the prediction model can be used to estimate the probability that each student would receive special education programs and/or services. The sum of these probabilities for each of the students provides an estimate of the total predicted proportion of students that are likely to receive special education programs and/or services in that school board.

The school board-specific prediction is created by adding the prediction calculated for all its students based on the demographic characteristics of each student's postal code. The board-specific prediction is multiplied by its ADE to determine the board-specific number of students predicted to receive special education programs and services. Each board's allocation of the total SESPM funding available is determined by its ratio of board-specific number of students predicted to receive special education programs and services divided by the total provincial number of students predicted to receive special education programs and services.

INTELLECTUAL – Giftedness, Mild Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability

COMMUNICATION – Autism, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Language Impairment, Speech Impairment, Learning Disability

PHYSICAL – Physical Disability, Blind and Low Vision

MULTIPLE – Multiple Exceptionalities

Base Amount for Collaboration and Integration

The Base Amount for Collaboration and Integration provides every school board a minimum level of base funding of \$492,610.71. Its purpose is to enable school boards to explore collaborative and integrated approaches to serving students with special education needs.

Multi-Disciplinary Supports Amount

The Multi-Disciplinary Supports Amount supports students with special education needs, including subsets of this population such as students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other needs such as mental health. The Multi-Disciplinary Supports Amount includes the following two components:

- Multi-Disciplinary Team component – \$30.5 million
- Other Staffing Resources component – \$24.1 million

Multi-Disciplinary Team Component

Funding is provided for a multi-disciplinary team for all school boards (up to four additional full-time equivalents (FTEs) per school board), to help build school board capacity, support special education assessments and help teachers, educational assistants, and other staff better understand and adapt to the unique needs of their students.

School boards generate funding for the multi-disciplinary team component based on the number of multi-disciplinary team members employed, up to a maximum of four. Each multi-disciplinary team member generates \$105,782.05 for the school board.

The Multi-Disciplinary Team members should reflect local need, and could include any combination of a psychologist, behavioural specialist, speech-language pathologist, registered social worker, or a person in a position that requires similar qualifications.

Further details regarding financial reporting on the Multi-Disciplinary Team component can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Other Staffing Resources Component

Funding is provided for other staffing resources to support students with special education needs. School boards have flexibility to use this funding for special education staffing that will address their local needs.

The other staffing resources amount is allocated to school boards as per the DSENA Table of the GSN regulation.

Local Special Education Priorities Amount

The Local Special Education Priorities amount provides funding to school boards to enhance support for students with special education needs.

School boards may use this funding to address local special education priorities including the following:

- additional educational staff and/or professional/paraprofessional staff to support students with special education needs (e.g., special education resource teachers, educational assistants, speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and psychologists among others)
- other local priorities such as evidence-based programs and interventions, as well as transition supports

The Local Special Education Priorities amount is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Base amount } \$113,596 + (\$4.24 \times \text{ADE})$$

Early Math Intervention Amount

Previously flowed through PPF, the new Early Math Intervention amount is provided to school boards to support early math intervention for elementary students with special education needs. This funding helps increase student engagement, close learning and achievement gaps and support elementary students with special education needs to be prepared for the transition into a de-streamed Grade 9 curriculum. This funding may be used for instructional staff or resources.

Funding is calculated based on the following:

$$\$106,816.10 + (\$0.28 \times \text{ADE})$$

The DSENA Allocation is projected to be \$1.26 billion for 2023–24.

Special Equipment Amount (SEA) Allocation

The SEA provides funding to school boards to assist with the costs of equipment essential to support students with special education needs.

The SEA Allocation is made up of the following two amounts:

- SEA Per-Pupil Amount
- SEA Claims-Based Amount

SEA Per-Pupil Amount

The SEA Per-Pupil Amount is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Base amount } \$20,000 + (\$39.461 \times \text{ADE})$$

Each school board receives a projected SEA Per-Pupil Amount component, which includes a base amount of \$20,000 for each school board plus an amount based on the school board's ADE. The SEA Per-Pupil Amount is allocated for the purchase of all computers, software, robotics, computing-related devices, and required supporting furniture, as identified for use by students with special education needs in accordance with the SEA funding guidelines.

In addition, the SEA Per-Pupil Amount supports school boards in providing training for staff and students (where applicable), equipment set-up, maintenance, and repair as determined by the school board for all SEA equipment, including SEA equipment funded through the SEA claims-based process, as described in the *Special Education Funding Guidelines: Special Equipment Amount (SEA), 2023–24, April 2023*.

The SEA Per-Pupil Amount is reported separately from all other special education expenses. Unused SEA Per-Pupil Amount funding must be reported as SEA Per-Pupil Amount deferred revenue. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting of SEA Per-Pupil Amount funding can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

SEA Claims-Based Amount

The SEA Claims-Based Amount provides funding to school boards for the purchases of other non-computer-based equipment to be utilized by students with special education needs, including sensory equipment, hearing support equipment, vision support equipment, personal care support equipment, and physical assists support equipment, through a claims-based process with an \$800 deductible. Eligibility requirements for SEA are outlined in the *Special Education Funding Guidelines: Special Equipment Amount (SEA), 2023–24, April 2023*.

School boards are expected to have an internal process that allocates SEA funding as well as a school board internal contribution to support student special equipment needs in an equitable and timely fashion.

Portability requirements for equipment purchased with the SEA funding are outlined in the GSN regulation and described in the *Special Education Funding Guidelines: Special Equipment Amount (SEA), 2023–24, April 2023*.

Each school board's Special Equipment Amount Allocation is set out in the GSN regulation.

The SEA Allocation is projected to be \$142.1 million in 2023–24.

Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Allocation

The Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Allocation supports students with extraordinarily high needs who require more than two full-time staff to address their health and/or safety needs, and those of others at their school.

For the 2023–24 school year, the Ministry of Education is temporarily adjusting the SIP Allocation funding approach by using a formula to calculate the amount for each school board.

Accordingly, SIP funding for each school board for 2023–24 is allocated based on the school board's historical SIP funding amounts plus a growth rate applied.

This funding approach to SIP will relieve school boards of administrative work related to the claims submission, similar to the process in the 2020–21 and 2021–22 school years.

School boards should continue to use SIP funding to help cover the costs of staff support to ensure the health and/or safety of students who have extraordinarily high needs and of others at their school.

Each school board's SIP Allocation amount is set out in the GSN regulation.

The SIP Allocation is projected to be \$159.1 million in 2023–24.

Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP) Allocation

The Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP) Allocation provides funding to school boards for education programs for school-aged children and youth who cannot attend regular school due to their primary need for care treatment or because of a court order to serve a custody or detention sentence. These programs are voluntary partnerships developed between school boards and government-approved facilities.

These facilities include hospitals, children's mental health centres, detention centres, community group homes, and social services agencies. The provision of education in these facilities is subject to a formal agreement, such as a Memorandum of Understanding, between a school board and the facility. Recognized costs include teachers' salaries and benefits, educational assistants' salaries and benefits, and classroom supplies. Further details can be found in the *Guidelines for Educational Programs for Students in Government Approved Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPPE) facilities 2023–24*, which provides direction to school boards on the approval process and funding of these programs.

Funding is adjusted from the approved projected amount to the final approved expense.

Additional funding is provided to school boards to help offset the accommodation costs of classrooms in ECPPE settings that operate in school board space. This funding is included in the School Operations Allocation. School boards may fund the transportation they have authority to provide using their Student Transportation Grant.

The ECPPE Allocation is projected to be \$114.8 million in 2023–24.

Behaviour Expertise Amount (BEA) Allocation

The BEA Allocation provides funding for school boards to hire board-level Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) expertise professionals, including Board Certified Behaviour Analysts (BCBAs), to provide training opportunities that will build school board capacity in ABA and to provide After-School Skills Development programs for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other special education needs.

The BEA Allocation is made up of the following three components:

- ABA Expertise Professionals Amount – \$26.5 million
- ABA Training Amount – \$6.1 million
- After-School Skills Development (ASSD) Amount – \$6.4 million

ABA Expertise Professionals Amount

The ABA Expertise Professionals Amount provides funding for school boards to hire board-level ABA expertise professionals. School boards are encouraged, where possible, to hire individuals with BCBA certification, individuals working towards BCBA certification or individuals with equivalent qualifications. The use of ABA instructional approaches has proven to be effective for students with ASD and other students with special education needs. ABA expertise professionals support principals, teachers, educators and other school staff by providing and coordinating

ABA coaching, training and resources; and facilitating school boards' collaboration with community service providers, parents and schools and supporting the *Connections for Students* model and other transition processes.

Funding is allocated based on the following formula:

$$\$190,386 \text{ per school board} + (\$6.28 \times \text{ADE})$$

ABA Training Amount

The ABA Training Amount provides funding for training opportunities to build school board capacity in ABA. School boards may utilize the ABA Training Amount for the following:

- professional development (including travel, meals, accommodation)
- procurement or development of resources/programs
- release time/supply costs for staff on training (EAs/educators/school teams)

The formal or informal ABA training opportunities and/or mentoring must be practical and oriented at developing capacity to apply and individualize ABA methods. The training should cover the following areas:

- behaviour and functions of behaviour
- assessments and data collection to inform ABA instructional methods
- development, implementation and monitoring of effective Individual Education Plans and Transition Plans that incorporate ABA methods in a variety of educational settings

Funding is allocated based on the following formula:

$$\$1,500 \text{ per school board} + (\$2.95 \times \text{ADE})$$

ABA Training Amount funding may only be used for ABA training purposes. Any unspent ABA Training Amount funding must be reported as deferred revenue to be used for ABA training. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

After-School Skills Development (ASSD) Amount

ASSD programs implemented by school boards provide students with ASD and other special education needs who may benefit from the program with additional targeted skills development opportunities, outside the instructional day, to better equip them for classroom success and to achieve other outcomes such as improved social and communication skills.

Any unspent funding must be reported as deferred revenue to be used for ASSD programs in future years. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Funding is allocated based on the following formula:

$$\$52,096 \text{ per school board} + (\$1.28 \times \text{ADE})$$

The BEA Allocation is projected to be \$39.0 million in 2023–24.

Language Grant

The Language Grant provides funding to support the additional costs related to language instruction.

The Language Grant comprises the following six allocations:

- English as a Second Language/English Literacy Development (ESL/ELD) Allocation – \$392.0 million
- Programme d’appui aux nouveaux arrivants (PANA) Allocation – \$10.6 million
- Recent Immigrant Supplement – \$30.1 million
- French as a Second Language (FSL) Allocation – \$301.2 million
- French as a First Language (FFL) Allocation – \$92.5 million
- Actualisation linguistique en français (ALF) Allocation – \$130.4 million

The Language Grant uses proxy measures in some of its allocations to determine individual school boards’ relative share of funding. The calculations are not intended to count every student who requires support or to determine individual needs for these programs. School boards determine how to use this funding and to provide language services and supports accordingly.

The Language Grant is projected to be \$956.8 million in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Recent Immigrant Supplement

The ministry continues to provide time-limited funding through the Recent Immigrant Supplement, which was introduced for the 2021–22 school year. This funding supports the out-year financial implications of the extraordinary and temporary decline in recent immigrant enrolment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is supplementary to the Recent Immigrant component of the ESL/ELD Allocation (for English-language school boards) and the PANA Allocation (for French-language school boards).

School boards will continue to generate top-up funding, where needed, if actual weighted enrolment falls below the level determined by the total weighted enrolment for each of the four years that generated funding through the ESL/ELD Recent Immigrant component and the PANA Allocation in their 2019–20 Financial Statements.

See “Recent Immigrant Supplement” in this section of the document.

English as a Second Language/English Literacy Development (ESL/ELD) Allocation

Ontario's curriculum requires that students develop strong English-language or French-language skills. The cultural and linguistic diversity of Ontario's population means that students may require extra help to develop proficiency in their language of instruction because it may not be their first language. The ESL/ELD Allocation provides English-language school boards with additional resources to meet the needs of these students. ESL/ELD funding is based on the sum of the Recent Immigrant component and the Diversity in English-Language Learners component.

School boards are expected to use this allocation for programs and services that are designed to benefit English language learners according to [English Language Learners ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12](#).

Recent Immigrant Component

The Recent Immigrant component is the sum of the weighted numbers of eligible pupils¹ for each year multiplied by \$4,293.00.

Over four years, an eligible pupil is estimated to generate funding in excess of \$10,000. Recent immigrant pupils are deemed eligible to generate this funding if they meet one of the following two criteria:

- they were born in countries in which English is not the first language of a majority of the population
- they were born in countries in which a majority of the population speaks a variety of English that is sufficiently different from the English used in Ontario's English-language school boards

Recent immigrants born in the following countries are not eligible for this funding: Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

The two variables used in calculating this funding are as follows:

- the number of eligible pupils who entered Canada in each year since September 2019
- a weighting factor for each of the four years

¹ Excludes adult and fully high-credit pupils

Weighting Factors

Year	Start Date	End Date	Weighting Factor
1	September 1, 2022	October 31, 2023	1.0
2	September 1, 2021	August 31, 2022	0.85
3	September 1, 2020	August 31, 2021	0.5
4	September 1, 2019	August 31, 2020	0.25

Number of Eligible Pupils

Principals are required to report through the Ontario School Information System (OnSIS) the number of enrolled pupils as of October 31 who entered Canada during the last four years and who were born in a country other than Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Australia, and New Zealand. Schools are required to attest to reviewing appropriate immigration information to support the number of pupils reported as having entered Canada during the last four years.

The Recent Immigrant component is projected to be \$346.6 million in 2023–24.

Diversity in English-Language Learners (DELL) Component

The DELL component uses a proxy to provide funding to support the additional costs of programs and services for English-language learners. This funding supports students not covered by the Recent Immigrant component.

For each school board, the estimated ADE of students for whom the language most often spoken at home is neither English nor French was determined using 2017–18 ADE and 2016 census data on the percentage of children whose language most often spoken at home is neither English nor French mapped to school boards.

Each school board's share of the total DELL component is based on their share of the estimated ADE described above.

Each school board's allocation is set out in the GSN regulation.

The ESL/ELD Allocation is projected to be \$392.0 million in 2023–24.

Programme d'appui aux nouveaux arrivants (PANA) Allocation

Ontario's curriculum requires that students develop strong English-language or French-language skills. The cultural and linguistic diversity of Ontario's population means that students may require extra help to develop proficiency in their language of instruction because it may not be their first language. The PANA Allocation provides French-language school boards with additional resources to meet the needs of these students. PANA funding is the sum of the weighted numbers of eligible pupils¹ for each year multiplied by \$4,293.00.

Over four years, an eligible pupil is estimated to generate funding in excess of \$10,000. PANA is based on the number of recent immigrant pupils who do not have rights under Section 23² of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* but have been admitted to a French-language school through the school board's admission committee.

Recent immigrant pupils are deemed eligible to generate PANA funding if they meet one of the following two criteria:

- they were born in countries in which neither French nor English is the first language of a majority of the population
- they were born in countries in which a majority of the population speaks a variety of French that is sufficiently different from the French used in Ontario's French-language school boards

Recent immigrants born in the following countries are not eligible for this funding: France, Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana, Réunion Island, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, French Southern and Antarctic Lands, Saint Barthélemy, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

The two variables used in calculating this funding are as follows:

- the number of eligible pupils who entered Canada in each year since September 2019
- a weighting factor for each of the four years

¹ Excludes adult and fully high-credit pupils

² Section 23 refers to linguistic and education rights.

Weighting Factors

Year	Start Date	End Date	Weighting Factor
1	September 1, 2022	October 31, 2023	1.0
2	September 1, 2021	August 31, 2022	0.85
3	September 1, 2020	August 31, 2021	0.5
4	September 1, 2019	August 31, 2020	0.25

Number of Eligible Pupils

Principals are required to report in OnSIS the number of enrolled pupils as of October 31 who entered Canada during the last four years and who were born in a country other than France, Guadeloupe, Martinique, French Guiana, Réunion Island, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, French Southern and Antarctic Lands, Saint Barthélemy, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, United States, Australia, and New Zealand. Schools are required to attest to reviewing appropriate immigration documentation to support the number of pupils reported as having entered Canada during the last four years.

The PANA Allocation is projected to be \$10.6 million in 2023–24.

Recent Immigrant Supplement

The Recent Immigrant Supplement provides time-limited mitigating funding to school boards that have experienced declines in recent immigrant enrolment levels as a result of COVID-19.

This funding is supplemental to the funding provided through the Recent Immigrant component of the ESL/ELD Allocation for English-language school boards and the PANA Allocation for French-language school boards, which are based on the number of eligible pupils who entered Canada in each year and a weighting factor for each of the four years funded under these components.

The Recent Immigrant Supplement uses the 2019–20 total weighted enrolment¹ for each of the four years that generated funding in the 2019–20 school year through the ESL/ELD Recent Immigrant component and the PANA Allocation to establish a funding minimum and generates top-up funding if actual weighted enrolment falls below this minimum level.

¹ As per school board submitted data in 2019-20 financial statements. The 2019–20 school year is deemed to be the last year for which immigrant enrolment was not impacted by the pandemic.

This allocation comprises two components:

ESL/ELD Recent Immigrant Supplement Component

The ESL/ELD Recent Immigrant Supplement component is calculated as follows:

sum of the weighted number of eligible pupils¹ for each of the four years that generated funding in the 2019–20 school year through the Recent Immigrant component of the ESL/ELD Allocation

× \$4,293.00

minus the amount of funding generated by the school board (if greater than zero) for the 2023–24 school year through the Recent Immigrant component of the ESL/ELD Allocation

School boards are expected to use this funding for programs and services that are designed to benefit English language learners according to [English Language Learners ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12](#).

PANA Recent Immigrant Supplement Component

The PANA Recent Immigrant Supplement component is calculated as follows:

sum of the weighted numbers of eligible pupils¹ for each of the four years that generated funding in the 2019–20 school year through the PANA Allocation

× \$4,293.00

minus the amount of funding generated by the school board (if greater than zero) for the 2023–24 school year through the PANA Allocation

The Recent Immigrant Supplement is projected to be \$30.1 million in 2023–24.

French as a Second Language (FSL) Allocation

FSL funding, available only to English-language school boards, supports the additional costs of providing core French, extended French, and French immersion programs, as well as the enhancement of FSL-focused supports for educational staff and the enrichment of FSL learning environments and opportunities available to all students.

This allocation comprises two components:

¹ Excludes adult and fully high-credit pupils

Per-Pupil Component

FSL – Elementary

At the elementary level, funding is provided for core and extended French based on enrolment in French programs for students in Grades 4 to 8. French immersion programs, if offered by the school board, are funded based on enrolment in French programs for students in JK to Grade 8.

Current ministry policy requires that each elementary student¹ accumulate at least 600 hours of French-language instruction by the end of Grade 8. School boards are required to plan their French-language programs so that students meet this requirement.

Funding for the elementary panel is based on students enrolled on October 31 and average daily length of the program, as per the table below.

Program	Average daily length of program	Allocation per pupil² enrolled in program
Core (Grades 4 to 8)	20 – 59 minutes	\$317.28
Extended (Grades 4 to 8)	60 – 149 minutes	\$361.46
Immersion (JK/SK, Grades 1 to 8)	150 minutes or more	\$404.38

FSL – Secondary

Funding for the secondary panel is determined according to credits as follows:

Grades	Allocation per-pupil credit – French as a subject	Allocation per-pupil¹ credit – subjects other than French taught in French
9 and 10	\$81.76	\$134.49
11 and 12	\$108.13	\$209.70

1 Ontario's curriculum policy pertaining to the relationship between FSL and Native Languages programs outlines exemptions to this requirement.

2 Excludes adult and fully high-credit pupils

Areas of Intervention Component

In keeping with the terms of the Canada-Ontario Agreement for Minority Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction, funding through the Areas of Intervention component supports FSL initiatives and activities undertaken within the following areas of intervention:

- learner participation
- provision of programs
- academic achievement of learners
- enriched learning environments
- support for educational staff
- research

This funding is enveloped, in that it can only be spent for its intended purpose based on the parameters (e.g., eligible activities and expenses) set out by the Field Services Branch of the ministry each school year. Any unspent funding must be reported as deferred revenue for future spending within the Areas of Intervention component. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting of Areas of Intervention component can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Each school board's Areas of Intervention component is set out in the GSN regulation.

The French as a Second Language Allocation is projected to be \$301.2 million in 2023–24.

French as a First Language (FFL) Allocation

This funding, available only to French-language school boards, recognizes the higher costs of instructional materials and program support incurred in providing French-language programs.

The funding benchmark is \$794.32 per elementary pupil of the school board enrolled on October 31, 2023. The benchmark per secondary day-school ADE pupil is \$911.27.

Start-up funding for new French-language elementary schools in French is provided at the rate of \$19,722.56 for each new elementary school established by a school board this year. Note: A new elementary school consisting of only remote learning ADE is not eligible for this funding.

The FFL Allocation is projected to be \$92.5 million in 2023–24.

Actualisation linguistique en français (ALF) Allocation

ALF funding, available only to French-language school boards, is for language instruction to pupils who are entitled to French-language education as identified by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and who have limited, or no competency, in French.

ALF funding supports developing language planning initiatives in schools to engage students and increase their sense of belonging to the French-language school system and Francophone communities as set forth by the Aménagement linguistique policy for French-language schools in Ontario.

Per-Pupil Component

The Per-Pupil component is calculated by applying the Broader Community Factor (BCF) to a school board's enrolment. This factor is used as a proxy measure of a school board's French cultural environment.

The proxy measure is based on the proportion of the school-age population that does not have at least one parent with French as their "First Official Language Spoken."

The BCF is calculated as follows:

The minimum BCF is set at 75 per cent, and it increases on a sliding scale to a maximum of 100 per cent. The BCF is inversely related to the percentage of school-age children with at least one parent with French as their "First Official Language Spoken," as per 2011 Statistics Canada's census data.

The BCF based on the 2011 census of each school board is listed in the GSN regulation.

The elementary and secondary per-pupil amounts are as follows:

Elementary Per-Pupil Amount:

$$\text{Elementary ADE} \times \text{BCF} \times \$970.86$$

Secondary Per-Pupil Amount:

$$\text{Secondary ADE} \times \text{BCF} \times \$423.09$$

School Component

The school component is calculated using the definition of a school used in the School Foundation Grant.

Elementary School Amount:

Total number of elementary schools × \$50,668.89

Secondary / Combined School Amount:

Total number of secondary/combined schools × \$95,217.77

Secondary/Combined School Size Amount:

Number of Students	Total Per Secondary/Combined School
0 < ADE < 100	\$89,097.77
100 ≤ ADE < 200	\$133,646.66
200 ≤ ADE < 300	\$178,195.54
300 ≤ ADE < 400	\$222,744.43
ADE ≥ 400	\$267,293.31

Board Component

The board component for each school board is \$334,681.63.

The ALF Allocation is projected to be \$130.4 million in 2023–24.

Indigenous Education Grant

The Indigenous Education Grant provides funding for programs and initiatives to support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students, as well as build the knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous histories, cultures, perspectives and contributions.

The Indigenous Education Grant comprises the following three allocations:

- Indigenous Languages Allocation – \$14.8 million
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation – \$4.8 million
- Board Action Plan (BAP) Allocation – \$118.1 million

The Indigenous Education Grant may only be used for its intended purpose. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting of the various components of the Indigenous Education Grant can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

To allow school boards to offer these programs despite limited enrolment, the funding benchmarks for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies and Indigenous languages are based on an average class size of 12 students.

The total Indigenous Education Grant is projected to be \$137.7 million in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation

The funding methodology for the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies Allocation is being revised as part of a realignment within the Indigenous Education Grant. This revised methodology continues to enable and encourage school boards to offer First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies courses to support the learning of Indigenous histories, cultures and perspectives for all students across Ontario.

The combination of Pupil Foundation Grant and the supplemental First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation funding continues to be sufficient to support the cost of a teacher where there are at least eight students¹ in the course in the school².

1 Excludes adult and fully high-credit pupils

2 Schools in regard to the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation refers to the program definition of schools used to track enrolment in the OnSIS system, i.e., Board School ID (BSID), and includes schools consisting purely of remote learning students.

Where enrolment is less than eight students, supplemental First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation funding is pro-rated to support a portion of the cost of a teacher. Where enrolment for a First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies course in a school is at least 23 students, funding to support the cost of a teacher is provided solely through the Pupil Foundation Grant.

The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation for each school board is based on multiplying the total funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies enrolment by a benchmark of \$645.64. Funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies enrolment is calculated per course in a school as follows and totalled to a school board level:

- Less than 8 students: Generates funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies enrolment of $(\text{students} \div 8) \times 15$
- Greater than or equal to 8 eligible students and less than 23 students: Generates funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies enrolment of $(23 - \text{students})$
- Greater than or equal to 23 students: Generates no funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies enrolment

School boards continue to be required to deliver First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies courses in a school where a minimum of eight students (i.e., pupils of the board) in that school enroll in the course.

See “First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation” and related changes within the “Board Action Plan (BAP) Allocation” in this section of the document, and the “One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund” section of the document.

Realignment of funding into the Board Action Plan (BAP) Allocation

The funding methodology for the BAP Allocation is being revised as part of a realignment within the Indigenous Education Grant to better support Indigenous education priorities.

A new Supplemental amount will include two components:

- **NHS-Based Per-Pupil Component:** $\text{ADE} \times \text{estimated NHS percentage of enrolment that is Indigenous} \times \text{PPA weighting factor} \times \129.19
- **Board Total Per-Pupil Component:** $\text{ADE} \times \$36.98$

Engagement with Indigenous stakeholders will help determine the Indigenous Education priorities to be supported through this new Supplemental amount, and details of the Supplemental amount will be shared thereafter.

See “Board Action Plan (BAP) Allocation” and related changes within the “First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation” in this section of the document, and the “One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund” section of the document.

Indigenous Languages Allocation

The Indigenous Languages Allocation supports elementary and secondary Indigenous languages programs from junior kindergarten to Grade 12. Only Indigenous language programs offered during the school day are eligible for funding through the Indigenous Languages Allocation.

To allow school boards to offer these programs where course enrolment is low, the funding benchmarks for Indigenous languages are based on an average class size of 12 students.

Indigenous Languages – Elementary

Indigenous Languages funding for the elementary panel is based on the number of pupils enrolled on October 31 and the average daily length of the program as follows:

Average length of program	Staff per 12 elementary students	Allocation per pupil ¹ enrolled in the program
20 – 39 minutes per day	0.20	\$1,484.96
40 minutes or more per day	0.30	\$2,227.44

Indigenous Languages – Secondary

Indigenous languages funding for the secondary panel is determined according to credits as follows:

Grades	Staff per 12 secondary students	Allocation per-pupil ¹ credit
9 to 12	0.167	\$1,237.47

School boards are required to deliver courses within the Native Languages curriculum in any secondary school where a minimum of 8 secondary students (i.e., pupils of the board) in that school enroll in the course. Combined with funding through the Pupil

¹ Excludes adult and fully high-credit pupils

Foundation Grant, funding for secondary schools through this allocation supports the cost of a teacher when 8 secondary pupils of the school board are enrolled in the course.

The teacher salary and benefits required to deliver the course may be reported as spending under this allocation. Unused Indigenous Languages Allocation funding, surplus beyond the cost of teacher salary and benefits, must be reported and spent under the BAP for Indigenous education to better support Indigenous learning for elementary and secondary pupils. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting of Indigenous Languages Allocation funding can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The Indigenous Languages Allocation is projected to be \$14.8 million in 2023–24.

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation

Funding through the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation supports secondary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies courses¹.

The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation is designed to provide incremental funding for secondary teachers beyond what is funded through the Pupil Foundation Grant. Combined with funding through the Pupil Foundation Grant, funding through this allocation supports the cost of a teacher when enrolment in an eligible course in a school² is greater than or equal to eight students³. Where enrolment is less than eight students, supplemental First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation funding is pro-rated to support a portion of the cost of a teacher. Where enrolment for a First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies course in a school is at least 23 students, funding to support the cost of a teacher is provided through the Pupil Foundation Grant solely.

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies funding for secondary teachers is calculated for each school board by multiplying the total funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies enrolment by a benchmark of \$645.64⁴. Funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies enrolment is calculated per course in a school based on the table below and totalled to a school board level:

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- 1 Refer to the Common Course Codes document on the Ministry of Education website for course listings.
 - 2 Schools in regard to the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation refers to the program definition of schools used to track enrolment in the ONSIS system, i.e., Board School ID (BSID), and includes schools consisting purely of remote learning students.
 - 3 Adult and fully high-credit pupils (no regular day school ADE) are not included as they do not generate funding through this allocation.
 - 4 Per-pupil funding is based on the funded average class size of 23 for secondary in-person and remote learning and includes preparation time for the teacher.

Enrolment (pupil credits)	Funded First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Enrolment (pupil credits)
0 < enrolment < 8	(enrolment ÷ 8) x 15
8 ≤ enrolment < 23	23 – enrolment
enrolment ≥ 23	0

School boards are required to deliver First Nations, Métis and Inuit Studies courses within the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies curriculum in any secondary school where a minimum of 8 secondary pupils of the board enroll in the course.

The teacher salary and benefits required to deliver the course may be reported as spending under this allocation. Unused First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation funding, surplus beyond the cost of teacher salary and benefits, must be reported and spent under the BAP for Indigenous education to better support Indigenous learning for secondary pupils. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation funding can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation is projected to be \$4.8 million in 2023–24.

Board Action Plan (BAP) Allocation

The BAP Allocation funds the implementation of programs and initiatives that support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students, as well as build the knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous histories, cultures, perspectives and contributions.

The BAP Allocation is enveloped to ensure that funds are directed to support Indigenous learning. This requirement complements the *Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education* reporting already in place. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting, including any funding beyond the cost of teacher salary and benefits generated within the Indigenous Languages and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocations to also be reported and spent under the BAP Allocation, can

be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The BAP Allocation is calculated as the sum of the following components:

Component	Description	Notes
(A) Total Enrolment	Each school board's share of a total of \$3,300,000 distributed based on school board total student headcount, by range	School Authorities are included as part of the total funding available for (A), (B) and (C).
(B) Indigenous Student Per-Pupil Amount	Each school board's share of a total of \$1,500,000 distributed based on school board voluntary, confidential Indigenous student self-ID data	Enrolment used for (A), (B) and (C) includes students for whom fees are chargeable under the tuition fees regulation.
(C) Indigenous Student % of Enrolment	Each school board's share of a total of \$1,200,000 distributed based on school board voluntary, confidential Indigenous student self-ID data as a percentage of school board total student headcount, by range	
(D) NHS-Based Per-Pupil Amount	Greater of \$0 or (ADE x estimated NHS percentage of enrolment that is Indigenous x PPA weighting factor x \$200.24 minus \$166,635.88 ¹)	
(E) Supplemental Amount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS-Based Per-Pupil Component: ADE x estimated NHS percentage of enrolment that is Indigenous x PPA weighting factor x \$129.19 • Board Total Per-Pupil Component: ADE x \$36.98 	Engagement with Indigenous stakeholders and school boards will help determine the Indigenous Education provincial priorities to be supported through this new Supplemental amount, and details of the Supplemental amount will be shared thereafter.

¹ Reflects 1.0 SO salary and benefits benchmark for 2023–24.

Estimating the NHS Percentage of Enrolment that is Indigenous in a School Board

The following describes how the ministry estimates the NHS percentage of a population that is Indigenous in a school board within component (D) and the NHS-Based Per-Pupil Component of (E):

- The percentage of child-aged population that is Indigenous is derived from 2011 NHS data at a census sub-division (CSD) level
- The enrolment of a CSD is calculated by taking the sum of enrolments of all facilities of the school board operating within the CSD
- The percentage for the school board is derived by taking the weighted average (using the CSD share of school board enrolment over all the enrolment in CSDs in which the school board operates) of the CSD level percentages

The estimated NHS percentage of population that is Indigenous for each school board is listed in the GSN regulation.

PPA Weighting Factor

A weighting factor is applied within component (D) and the NHS-Based Per-Pupil Component of (E) to direct more funding to school boards with a higher estimated proportion of their population that is Indigenous.

Estimated NHS percentage of student population that is Indigenous	PPA Weighting Factor
< 7.5%	1
≥ 7.5% and < 15.0%	2
≥ 15%	3

For each school board, the combined Total Enrolment Amount, Indigenous Student Per-Pupil Amount and Indigenous Student % of Enrolment Amount (i.e., A to C) within the BAP Allocation for each school board is set out in the GSN regulation.

The BAP Allocation is projected to be \$118.1 million in 2023–24.

Geographic Circumstances Grant

The Geographic Circumstances Grant recognizes the additional costs of operating small schools that are isolated and costs that are associated with the geography of school communities and school boards, including school board size and school dispersion.

The Geographic Circumstances Grant comprises the following six allocations:

- Remote and Rural Allocation – \$122.7 million
- Supported Schools Allocation – \$75.6 million
- Rural and Northern Education Fund Allocation – \$22.8 million
- Additional Educational Software Licensing Top-Up Allocation – \$2.3 million
- Student Technological Devices Top-Up Allocation – \$0.5 million
- Broadband Continuous Improvement Top-Up Allocation – \$1.2 million

The total Geographic Circumstances Grant is projected to be \$225.2 million in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Name Change of “Broadband Network Operations”

The Broadband Network Operations Top-Up Allocation is being renamed as the “Broadband Continuous Improvement Top-Up Allocation,” with no change to the purpose of the funding.

Remote and Rural Allocation

The Remote and Rural Allocation supports the higher cost of purchasing goods and services for small school boards, as well as for school boards that are distant from major urban centres, and for school boards with schools that are distant from one another.

The allocation is calculated by summing the amounts determined for the School Board Enrolment, Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence, and School Dispersion components.

School Board Enrolment

This component recognizes that smaller school boards may have higher per-pupil costs for goods and services. School board funding is calculated by multiplying the per-pupil amount based on ADE, shown in the table below, by the ADE of the school board.

Enrolment	Per-Pupil Amount
$0 < \text{ADE} < 4,000$	$\$340.33 - (\text{ADE} \times \$0.01848)$
$4,000 < \text{ADE} < 8,000$	$\$266.42 - ([\text{ADE} - 4,000] \times \$0.02123)$
$\text{ADE} \geq 8,000$ or more	$\$181.50 - ([\text{ADE} - 8,000] \times \$0.02269)^*$

*If amount calculated above is negative, it is deemed to be zero.

Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence

This component accounts for the additional costs of goods and services related to remoteness and the absence of nearby urban centres. This component also recognizes that, much like remote school boards, French-language school boards operating in a minority language context face higher costs in obtaining goods and services.

Factors Used to Calculate Funding

Distance to Urban Centre	Distance is measured by road distance from the central school board office to the nearest city with a population of at least 200,000 based on the 2011 census (i.e., Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Windsor, Brampton, Kitchener, Mississauga, Markham or Vaughan).
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Urban Factor	Each school board's urban factor is based on municipal organizations and population data from the 2011 census. The process used to calculate the urban factor is described below.
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Urban Factor Calculation

1. For each school facility in the school board, the school facility is first mapped to a CSD using its postal code. The Urban Factor for the school facility is then calculated using the following approach:

CSD Based on School's Postal Code with a Population of	Urban Factor for School Facility
0 – 24,999	1
25,000 – 199,999	$1 - [(population - 25,000)/175,000]$
200,000 or more	0

2. The Urban Factor determined above is multiplied by the ADE of the school facility.
3. The products determined in step 2 for each school facility are then summed for the school board and divided by the total ADE of the school board to get the school board's Urban Factor.

Each school board's distance and urban factor are set out in the GSN regulation.

Tiered Per-Pupil Amounts

The following table is used to calculate the per-pupil amount based on distance.

Distance	Per-Pupil Amount
0 to < 150 kilometres	\$0
150 to < 650 kilometres	$\$1.16106 \times (Distance - 150)$
650 to < 1,150 kilometres	$\$580.53 + [\$0.15624 \times (Distance - 650)]$
1,150+ kilometres	\$658.65

Calculating Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence Funding

Funding through the Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence component is calculated using the three steps described below.

Step 1: Calculate Per-Pupil Amount Based on Distance to Major Urban Centre	The per-pupil amount is calculated using the table above applying the distance to major urban centre.
Step 2: Calculate Distance/Urban Funding	Multiply the per-pupil amount calculated in Step 1 by the urban factor, and then multiply by the total ADE.

Step 3: Determine French-Language Equivalence for French-Language School Boards	French-language school boards receive the higher of the amount calculated in step 2 or a distance allocation of \$189.64 per pupil multiplied by the total ADE.
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School Dispersion

This component recognizes the higher costs of providing goods and services to students in widely dispersed schools.

This dispersion distance is expressed by combining the following:

- the average distance between a board’s schools, calculated based on the shortest unique road route linking all the schools in a school board, weighted at 0.8
- the average road distance between the central school board office and each school of the board, based on the shortest unique road route linking the school board office with each school, weighted at 0.2

Only school boards with an average dispersion distance greater than 14 kilometres qualify for funding under the dispersion component.

Dispersion Distances

Each school board’s average school dispersion distances are set out in the GSN regulation.

Calculating Funding Related to School Dispersion

Funding through the School Dispersion component is calculated for school boards with an average dispersion distance greater than 14 kilometres using the two steps described below.

Step 1: Calculate Per-Pupil Amount Based on School Dispersion	\$6.10907 x (allocation method dispersion distance – 14 km)
Step 2: Determine School Dispersion Funding	Multiply the per-pupil amount from Step 1 by total ADE

The Remote and Rural Allocation is projected to be \$122.7 million in 2023–24.

Supported Schools Allocation

The Supported Schools Allocation provides additional funding for teachers and ECEs to improve the viability of supported schools.

In conjunction with the definition of a school used in the School Foundation Grant, the following schools are deemed “supported¹”:

- an elementary school where the next closest elementary school of the board is at least 20 kilometres away
- a secondary or combined elementary/secondary school where the next closest secondary or combined elementary/secondary school of the board is at least 45 kilometres away

Under this allocation, funding is designed to work with the Pupil Foundation Grant so that together:

- supported elementary and combined elementary/secondary schools with 50 or more elementary students generate funding for a minimum of 7.5 FTE elementary teachers
- supported elementary and combined elementary/secondary schools with at least 16 junior kindergarten or senior kindergarten students generate funding for a minimum of 1.0 FTE ECEs
- supported secondary and combined/elementary schools with 50 or more secondary students generate funding for a minimum of 14 FTE secondary teachers

Funding through the Supported Schools Allocation is calculated as the sum of the funding for the following:

Elementary Teachers + ECEs + Secondary Teachers

Elementary and Combined Supported Schools (Elementary Portion)

Funding for Elementary Teachers

The Supported Schools Allocation is designed to provide incremental funding for elementary teachers beyond what is funded through the Pupil Foundation Grant.

¹ Supported schools are referred to as “outlying schools” in the GSN regulation.

Supported Schools Allocation funding for elementary teachers is calculated as follows:

Step 1: Determine the minimum FTE of elementary teachers that the school generates using the following table:

Elementary ADE	Minimum Elementary Teacher FTE
$0 < \text{Elementary ADE} < 50$	Greater of 1 or $[42.5/49 + (6.5/49 \times \text{Elementary ADE})]$
$\text{Elementary ADE} \geq 50$	7.5

Step 2: Determine the FTE of elementary teachers that would be generated through the Pupil Foundation Grant by the elementary pupils enrolled in the elementary or combined supported school.

This calculation for the allocation method is shown in the formula below:

Pupil Foundation Grant Elementary FTE:

$$\begin{aligned} & (0.04677 \times \text{JK and SK ADE}) \\ & \quad + \\ & (0.06018 \times \text{Grades 1 to 3 ADE}) \\ & \quad + \\ & (0.04878 \times \text{Grades 4 to 8 ADE}) \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Subtract the number of FTE elementary teachers funded through the Pupil Foundation Grant from the minimum FTE of elementary teachers determined in Step 1. This represents the number of additional elementary teachers that need to be funded through the Supported Schools Allocation.

If this calculation results in a negative number, the FTE of elementary teachers is deemed to be zero.

Step 4: Multiply the FTE of elementary teachers determined in Step 3 by the benchmark teacher salary with benefits.

Funding for Early Childhood Educators (ECEs)

Funding for ECEs in elementary and combined elementary/secondary supported schools is based on the following:

- at least 16 ADE and less than 42 ADE in junior kindergarten or senior kindergarten generate funding for a minimum of 1.0 FTE ECEs

- at least 42 ADE in junior kindergarten or senior kindergarten generate funding for a minimum of 2.0 FTE ECEs

Schools with less than 16 ADE in junior kindergarten and or senior kindergarten do not generate funding for a minimum number of ECEs.

The number of additional FTE ECEs funded through the Supported Schools Allocation is determined by subtracting the FTE of ECEs funded through the Pupil Foundation Grant from the minimum FTE of ECEs determined above. This is shown in the table below:

JK/SK ADE	Funded FTE ECEs
$16 \leq \text{ADE} < 42$	greater of $[1.0 - (0.03911 \times \text{JK/SK ADE})]$ or 0
$\text{ADE} \geq 42$	greater of $[2.0 - (0.03911 \times \text{JK/SK ADE})]$ or 0

The total funding for ECEs is calculated by multiplying the staffing determined above by the benchmark ECE salary with benefits.

Secondary and Combined Elementary/Secondary Supported Schools (Secondary Portion)

Funding for Secondary Teachers

The Supported Schools Allocation is designed to provide incremental funding for secondary teachers beyond what is funded through the Pupil Foundation Grant (and in the case of the French-language school boards, the Secondary School Size Amount of the ALF Allocation), including a minimum of 14 FTE teachers for secondary or combined supported schools with 50 or more secondary ADE.

Supported Schools Allocation funding for secondary teachers is calculated as follows:

Step 1: Determine the minimum FTE of secondary teachers that the school generates using the following formula:

Minimum Secondary Teacher FTE:

Greater of 1 OR $[\text{Lesser of } 14 \text{ or } (36/49 + 13/49 \times \text{Secondary ADE})]$

Step 2: Determine the FTE of secondary teachers that would be generated through the Pupil Foundation Grant by the number of secondary pupils enrolled in the secondary or combined elementary/secondary supported school. This calculation is shown in the formula below:

Pupil Foundation Grant Secondary Teacher FTE:

$$0.05491^1 \times \text{Secondary ADE}$$

Step 3: Subtract the FTE of secondary teachers funded through the Pupil Foundation Grant from the minimum FTE of secondary teachers determined in Step 1. This represents the FTE of additional secondary teachers that need to be funded through the Supported Schools Allocation.

If this calculation results in a negative number, the FTE of secondary teachers is deemed to be zero.

Step 4: Multiply the FTE of secondary teachers determined in Step 3 by the benchmark teacher salary with benefits. In the case of French-language school boards, this amount is adjusted by any funding generated by the school through the Secondary School Size Amount of the ALF Allocation.

The Supported Schools Allocation is projected to be \$75.6 million in 2023–24.

Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) Allocation

The RNEF Allocation is dedicated funding to further improve education for students from rural and northern communities.

Funding is allocated to school boards based on the number of rural students and two factors measuring the density of rural student enrolment in the school board.

School boards may use the funding for rural education based on local needs, such as the following:

- improving programming and support services in rural schools (e.g., French immersion, arts education and guidance counselling)
- continuing the operation of rural schools
- enhancing student transportation options such as late bus runs and mobile online learning through tablets or Wi-Fi

Funding allotted to the school board may be used for board-level expenses which support students from rural communities (e.g., transportation) or for school-level expenses using the 'List of Schools Eligible for Rural and Northern Education Fund Allocation' provided on the [Ministry of Education website](#).

¹ Staff per pupil amount for classroom teacher is based on the Secondary Pupil Foundation Allocation, which includes differentiated funding for online learning class size.

The list comprises schools in which at least half of the students are from rural communities, with modifications made by board of trustees' motion. This list can be modified further to include other schools through board of trustees' motion based on the following parameters:

- where the school is the last one in the community served by the school board
- there are no other public services in the community (e.g., hospital, library)
- it is remote from other schools of the board and the school board has determined it to be an unreasonable distance to travel if the school were to close
- where the school board has determined that rural students make up a large portion of the student population of that school

School boards are required to publicly post details of RNEF expenses as well as those schools in which RNEF funding was spent.

Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

RNEF Methodology

The RNEF Allocation is calculated based on the estimated number of rural students, the rural density factor and the rural density ratio as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{number of rural students} \times \$125.68 \\ & \times \\ & [(\text{rural density factor} + \text{rural density ratio}) \div 2] \end{aligned}$$

The Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board are not eligible for funding through the RNEF.

Each school board's estimated number of rural students, rural density factor and rural density ratio for the RNEF Allocation are set out in the GSN regulation.

Number of Rural Students

For RNEF funding purposes, rural students are defined as students living in rural areas or population centres with a 2016 census population less than 10,000.

A population centre is defined by Statistics Canada as a community with a population of at least 1,000 and a population density of at least 400 people per square kilometre.

A rural area is defined by Statistics Canada as an area that lies outside of a population centre, that is, the area does not meet the thresholds noted.

Students are mapped to population centres and rural areas using student postal code information from OnSIS and the Postal Code Conversion File from Canada Post.

Rural Density Factor

The rural density is first calculated by dividing the rural enrolment of the school board by the rural area of the school board. The rural area of the school board is determined by taking the area of the school board that lies outside the geographic boundaries of the population centres with a 2016 census population of 10,000 or more.

The rural density factor is then calculated based on the following:

- a) If the rural density is less than 0.1, the rural density factor is 1.
- b) If the rural density is more than 4, the rural density factor is 0.
- c) A non-linear scaling function is used to map rural density between these values. The scaling function is set so that school boards with a rural density near the provincial average receive a rural density factor of about 0.5.

The rural density factor is inversely related to the rural density – school boards with a lower rural density (i.e., a smaller number of students dispersed over a larger area) receive a higher rural density factor, except where the minimum and maximum limits are reached.

Rural Density Ratio

The rural density ratio measures the rural density relative to the total density of the school board. This ratio is between 0 and 1 for all school boards and is calculated as follows:

$$[\text{rural enrolment} \div \text{rural area (km}^2\text{)}] \div [\text{total enrolment} \div \text{total area (km}^2\text{)}]$$

The RNEF Allocation is projected to be \$22.8 million in 2023–24.

Additional Educational Software Licensing Top-Up Allocation

School boards may be eligible for top-up funding to supplement the additional per-pupil funding available in the Pupil Foundation Grant to purchase digital learning tools.

School boards will generate a top-up allocation where the Additional Educational Software Licensing component in the Pupil Foundation Grant does not equal at least \$51,150.

Funding through this allocation is calculated as:

The greater of A or B, where:

(A) = \$51,150 minus the school board's Additional Educational Software Licensing component amount in the Pupil Foundation Grant

(B) = zero

The Additional Educational Software Licensing Top-up Allocation is projected to be \$2.3 million in 2023–24.

Student Technological Devices Top-Up Allocation

School boards may be eligible for top-up funding to supplement the additional per-pupil funding available in the Pupil Foundation Grant to purchase technological devices for students.

School boards will generate a top-up allocation where the Student Technological Devices component in the Pupil Foundation Grant does not equal at least \$51,150.

Funding through this allocation is calculated as:

The greater of A or B, where:

(A) = \$51,150 minus the school board's Student Technological Devices component amount in the Pupil Foundation Grant

(B) = zero

The Student Technological Devices Top-up Allocation is projected to be \$0.5 million in 2023–24.

Broadband Continuous Improvement Top-Up Allocation

School boards may be eligible for top-up funding to supplement the additional per-pupil funding available in the Pupil Foundation Grant to support network connectivity, network infrastructure, network security, and associated operations in schools and school board buildings. School boards will generate a top-up allocation where the Broadband Continuous Improvement component in the Pupil Foundation Grant does not equal at least \$125,000.

This allocation is calculated as follows:

The greater of A or B, where:

(A) = \$125,000 minus the school board's Broadband Continuous Improvement component amount in the Pupil Foundation Grant

(B) = zero

The Broadband Continuous Improvement Top-up Allocation is projected to be \$1.2 million in 2023–24.

Learning Opportunities Grant

The Learning Opportunities Grant (LOG) provides funding primarily for a range of programs to help students facing barriers to success, including supports for de-streaming as well as learning recovery programming.

The Learning Opportunities Grant comprises the following nine allocations:

- Demographic Allocation – \$388.7 million
- Targeted Student Supports (TSS) Envelope – \$102.6 million, comprising the following four allocations:
 - Literacy and Math Outside the School Day Allocation – \$14.9 million
 - Student Success, Grades 7 to 12 Allocation – \$54.4 million
 - Grade 7 and 8 Literacy and Numeracy and Student Success Teachers Allocation – \$24.8 million
 - Tutoring Allocation – \$8.5 million
- Experiential Learning (EL) Envelope – \$85.8 million, comprising the following three allocations:
 - Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Allocation – \$55.6 million
 - Experiential Learning (EL) Allocation – \$12.5 million
 - Outdoor Education Allocation – \$17.7 million
- Safe and Clean Schools Supplement – \$19.9 million

The LOG is projected to be \$602.0 million¹ in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Safe and Clean Schools Supplement

Funding of \$19.9 million is being provided through a new Safe and Clean Schools Supplement for additional services that support student well-being and maintain clean schools. In addition to existing funding available in the GSN, this new funding supports costs associated with employing professional/paraprofessional staff, educational assistants and custodians.

¹ Includes \$5.0 million for summer learning.

School boards are expected to use this funding for its intended purpose, with priority given to professional/paraprofessional staff to support the well-being of students.

Each school board's allocation within the Safe and Clean Schools Supplement is set out in the GSN regulation.

See "Safe and Clean Schools Supplement" in this section of the document.

Transfer of Specialist High Skills Major PPF into GSN

Funding of \$13.2 million for Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) programs is moving from PPF into the existing SHSM Allocation. This additional funding supports program growth and provide students with access to more SHSM programs, including in skilled trades related sectors and other high demand industries in key labour market sectors.

See "Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Allocation" in this section of the document.

Transfer of Summer Learning Program into the GSN

Funding of \$5.0 million for summer learning, previously funded through the Council of Ontario Directors of Education, is moving from PPF into the Learning Opportunities Grant.

This funding supports literacy and numeracy programs for elementary students who would benefit from additional learning support over the summer months to mitigate the impacts of learning loss.

At the time of publishing this paper, this funding is included within the Learning Opportunities Grant but not in a specific allocation. Details of the allocation and funding methodology will be communicated separately.

Demographic Allocation

The Demographic Allocation provides funding based on social and economic indicators that are associated with students facing barriers to success. This allocation supports school boards in offering a wide range of programs tailored to the local needs of their students. Examples of programs include provision of nutrition programs, homework clubs, reading recovery, and withdrawal for individualized support. School boards have considerable latitude in determining the type of program and support that they provide with this funding.

Funding for the Demographic Allocation provides a greater share of funding to school boards with the largest number of students facing barriers because of social and economic factors.

The following socio-economic indicators have been derived from 2006 Statistics Canada's census data:

Indicator	Description (2006 Census)	Weight
Low Income	Percentage of school-aged children in households with income below the low-income cut-off (LICO) point (after tax)	50%
Recent Immigration	Percentage of school-aged children who immigrated to Canada between 2001 and 2006	25%
Low Parental Education	Percentage of the adult population having less than a high school diploma or equivalent	12.5%
Lone Parent Status	Percentage of school-aged children in a household led by a single parent	12.5%

Using the enrolment data provided by school boards and data from the 2006 census on the socio-economic indicators, the Demographic Allocation is calculated as follows:

$$\text{School LOG Funding} = \text{School Funding Units} \times \text{Funding Unit Value}$$

$$\text{Funding Unit Value} = \text{Total Funding Available} \div \text{Total Funding Units}$$

The following elements are applied when performing the calculation above:

1. Schools are ranked for each indicator.
2. Based on their variable ranks, schools generate per-pupil funding units according to the funding unit scale. The 40 per cent of schools with the highest at-risk indicator for a given variable receive funding units. The funding unit scale provides a gradual increase in the per-pupil amount generated based on the level of risk in the school.
3. The per-pupil funding units for each indicator are multiplied by the enrolment of the school to create a school-level funding unit total for the indicator. Funding units for all indicators are summed to produce total school funding units.
4. The total funding amount is distributed on a school basis proportional to the funding units and the socio-economic indicator weighting.
5. School funding is summed to determine total funding for each school board.

Each school board's allocation for the Demographic Allocation is set out in the GSN regulation.

The Demographic Allocation is projected to be \$388.7 million in 2023–24.

Targeted Student Supports (TSS) Envelope

The TSS Envelope includes the following four allocations:

- Literacy and Math Outside the School Day Allocation – \$14.9 million
- Student Success, Grades 7 to 12 Allocation – \$54.4 million
- Grade 7 and 8 Literacy and Numeracy and Student Success Teachers Allocation – \$24.8 million
- Tutoring Allocation – \$8.5 million

School boards must use the allocations above only for these programs and must report any unspent funding as deferred revenue for future spending in these programs. There is flexibility in how school boards may use some of the individual allocations within the TSS Envelope, as long as the funds in total are spent on the four programs in the envelope. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Additional details about how this funding may be used are outlined in the *Implementation Criteria for the Learning Opportunities Grant (LOG)* document.

Literacy and Math Outside the School Day Allocation

The Literacy and Math Outside the School Day Allocation provides funding for additional supports to enhance the literacy and math skills of students facing barriers to meeting the curriculum standards and/or the secondary school literacy graduation requirement. Funding for eligible day school students (excluding adult and fully¹ high-credit day school) as well as adults who are parents or guardians of students in any grade is \$7,251 per ADE.

Continuing education students, as well as adult and fully high-credit day school students enrolled in these courses, are funded through the Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant at the rate for Adult Day, High-Credit Secondary Day, and Continuing Education, which is \$3,661 per ADE.

Programs funded through this allocation may be provided during the summer and during the school year outside the regular school day only for the following non-credit classes:

¹ A fully High-Credit Day School student is a day school student who generates no regular day-school ADE (i.e., the day school student generates all day school funding at the High-Credit Day School ADE rate).

- a non-credit class or course that includes literacy and/or math for Grade 7 or 8 students for whom a remedial program in literacy and/or math has been recommended by the principal of the day school to support a successful transition to a de-streamed Grade 9 program
- a non-credit class in literacy and/or math for students in Grades 9 to 12 for whom a Grade 9 or 10 remedial program in literacy and/or math has been recommended by the principal of the day school
- a non-credit class in literacy and/or math for continuing education students for whom a Grade 9 or 10 remedial program in literacy and/or math has been recommended by a principal
- a non-credit literacy and/or math class or course for adults who are parents or guardians of students in any grade for whom the principal of the school has recommended a remedial course in literacy and/or math

Principal recommendations may be based on evidence from sources such as conversations with students' teachers, EQAO data, attendance data, report card marks, etc., and must be recorded for audit purposes.

In addition, transportation for pupils enrolled in summer school literacy and math programs is provided as follows:

$$[(\text{Transportation Grant for the school board}^1 - \text{Provincial Schools Transportation funding amount for the school board}) \div \text{ADE of pupils of the board}] \times \text{ADE of Grades 7 to 12 summer literacy and math programs} \times 3$$

Funding through the School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant is also provided for students in Grade 7 to 12 summer literacy and math programs.

The Literacy and Math Outside the School Day Allocation, which is part of the TSS Envelope, is projected to be \$14.9 million in 2023–24.

Student Success, Grade 7 to 12 Allocation

The purpose of this allocation is to create more equitable outcomes for students and assist students who face barriers to success. This funding is to be used to support opportunities for students to engage and re-engage in their learning, meet provincial standards (including in de-streamed Grade 9 courses), engage in effective education and career/life planning, meet graduation requirements (including passing the secondary school literacy graduation requirement, and make successful transitions to

¹ For Lakehead DSB, also includes \$80,000 for the transportation portion of the Territorial Student Program.

their initial post-secondary destination (i.e., apprenticeship, college, community living, university and workplace).

These funds can also be leveraged to support learning recovery programming and well-being supports.

Funding for the Student Success, Grade 7 to 12 Allocation is allocated as follows:

Item	Component	Amount ¹	Description	School Board Share Calculation
(A)	Enrolment	58% (\$31.2 million)	based on enrolment in Grades 4 to 12	Grades 4 to 8 ADE × \$13.67 + Grades 9 to 12 ADE × \$33.92
(B)	Demographic	25% (\$13.7 million)	based on the school board's share of the Demographic Allocation of LOG	School board's Demographic Allocation / Total Provincial Demographic Allocation ² × \$13,740,076
(C)	Dispersion	12% (\$6.5 million)	using the same factors that are used in the Remote and Rural Allocation ³	(Grades 4 to 8 ADE × 0.25 + Grades 9 to 12 ADE × 0.71) × Dispersion Distance
(D)	Transportation	5% (\$2.8 million)		(Student Transportation Grant ⁴ minus Provincial Schools Transportation Funding Amount) × 0.0023
Total Student Success ⁵ = (A) + (B) + (C) + (D)				

The Student Success, Grade 7 to 12 Allocation, which is part of the TSS Envelope, is projected to be \$54.4 million in 2023–24.

¹ Percentages may not add due to rounding.

² Each school board's Demographic Allocation is set out in the GSN regulation.

³ Each school board's Dispersion Distance is set out in the GSN regulation.

⁴ For Lakehead DSB, also includes \$80,000 for the transportation portion of the Territorial Student Program.

⁵ Lakehead DSB also receives \$170,000 for the Territorial Student Program including \$80,000 related to Transportation.

Grade 7 and 8 Student Success and Literacy and Numeracy Teachers Allocation

The Grade 7 and 8 Student Success and Literacy and Numeracy Teachers Allocation supports the costs of Grade 7 and 8 Student Success and literacy and numeracy teachers.

These teachers monitor and track the progress of students facing barriers to success; support school-wide efforts to improve outcomes for students facing barriers to success; provide direct support/instruction to students in order to improve student achievement, school engagement, and transitions; and work with families and the community to support student success.

Grades 7 and 8 Student Success teachers can support students in the following ways:

- Timely and effective academic gap closing strategies in Grades 7 and 8 for students who are not achieving consistent success and/or did not meet provincial standard on Grade 6 EQAO assessments
- Re-engaging and supporting Grades 7 and 8 students who may face barriers to success
- Secondary school course selection (in Grade 8) supporting students in their education and career/life planning
- Grade-to-grade and school-to-school transition planning, including preparing students for success in a de-streamed Grade 9 program

Grade 7 & 8 Student Success and Literacy and Numeracy Teachers:

$$\begin{aligned} & \$28.51 \times \text{ADE (Grades 4 to 8)} \times \\ & (1 + \text{Average Elementary Qualifications \& Experience Factor}) \end{aligned}$$

The Grade 7 and 8 Student Success and Literacy and Numeracy Teachers Allocation, which is part of the TSS Envelope, is projected to be \$24.8 million in 2023–24.

Tutoring Allocation

The Tutoring Allocation supports school boards in initiating and expanding before- and after-school, weekend, and summer tutoring programs that provide extra help to students who are not yet achieving the provincial standard in reading, writing, or mathematics. Tutoring supports may be targeted towards supporting successful transition into a de-streamed Grade 9 program and supporting learning recovery.

School boards can work with schools to design and structure the tutoring programs to best fit their students' needs. The ministry encourages partnerships with existing community-based organizations that provide tutoring services for students, as well as for students who may continue to face barriers to success.

The funding is calculated using total elementary and secondary ADE and a per-pupil amount of \$4.19.

The Tutoring Allocation, which is part of the TSS Envelope, is projected to be \$8.5 million in 2023–24.

Experiential Learning (EL) Envelope

The EL Envelope includes the following allocations in 2023–24:

- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Allocation – \$55.6 million
- Experiential Learning Allocation – \$12.5 million
- Outdoor Education Allocation – \$17.7 million

School boards must use the allocations above only for these programs and must report any unspent funding as deferred revenue for future spending in these programs. There is flexibility in how school boards may use some of the individual allocations within the EL Envelope, as long as the funds in total are spent on the three programs in the envelope. Experiential learning can benefit all students by providing meaningful and engaging opportunities and supporting students' education and career/life planning. These programs can be particularly beneficial to students who may be at greater risk of poor academic achievement. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Additional details about how this funding may be used are outlined in the *Implementation Criteria for the Learning Opportunities Grant (LOG)* document.

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Allocation

The [SHSM](#) program allows students to customize their education to suit their interests and needs, by focusing their learning on a particular economic sector, and a potential future career. These programs help more students gain the competitive edge they need to succeed, now and in the future, in sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and health and wellness.

The SHSM amounts are set out in the GSN regulation.

SHSM funding is used to support implementation expenses including the following:

- students' certification and training programs
- tracking students' completion of the SHSM components
- equipment purchases and consumable expenses related to SHSM program requirements
- promotion and marketing
- teacher professional development

As in past years, any additional reporting requirements outside of EFIS and OnSIS will be shared with SHSM board leads by the Student Achievement Division of the ministry.

The SHSM Allocation, which is part of the EL Envelope, is projected to be \$55.6 million in 2023–24.

Experiential Learning Allocation

The Experiential Learning (EL) Allocation provides funding for staffing, supports and opportunities for students to participate in learning experiences connected to a community or economic sector, reflect on those experiences to derive meaning, and then apply their learning in various aspects of their lives, including education and career/life planning.

The EL Allocation is the sum of the base amount and additional amount:

- (1) Base amount of \$89,097.77
- (2) Additional amount allocated as follows:

Item	Component	Amount ¹	Description	School Board Share Calculation
(A)	Enrolment	57% (\$3.5 million)	based on enrolment in junior kindergarten to Grade 12	Total ADE × \$1.701466
(B)	Demographic	26% (\$1.5 million)	based on the school board's share of the Demographic Allocation of LOG	School board's Demographic Allocation/Total Provincial Demographic Allocation ² × \$1,547,903.71
(C)	Dispersion	12% (\$0.7 million)	using the same factors that are used in the Remote and Rural Allocation ³	Total ADE × 0.033681 × Dispersion Distance
(D)	Transportation	5% (\$0.3 million)		(Student Transportation Grant ⁴ minus Provincial Schools Transportation Funding Amount) × 0.00026657
Total additional amount = (A) + (B) + (C) + (D)				

The EL Allocation, which is part of the EL Envelope, is projected to be \$12.5 million in 2023–24.

Outdoor Education Allocation

This funding provides elementary and secondary students with learning experiences in the outdoors.

This allocation is calculated as follows:

$$\$5,000 \text{ per school board} + (\$8.51 \times \text{ADE})$$

¹ Percentages may not add due to rounding.

² Each school board's Demographic Allocation is set out in the GSN regulation.

³ Each school board's Dispersion Distance is set out in the GSN regulation.

⁴ For Lakehead DSB, also includes \$80,000 for the transportation portion of the Territorial Student Program.

The Outdoor Education Allocation, which is part of the EL Envelope, is projected to be \$17.7 million in 2023–24.

Safe and Clean Schools Supplement

The new Safe and Clean Schools Supplement is provided for additional services that support student well-being and maintain clean schools. In addition to existing funding available in the GSN, this funding supports costs associated with employing professional/paraprofessional staff, educational assistants and custodians.

The Safe and Clean Schools Supplement is the sum of three amounts:

- Professional/Paraprofessional amount: \$11.9 million to support the salaries and benefits costs for staff such as psychologists, social workers and child/youth workers, to enhance additional direct services for students
- Educational Assistants amount: \$4.0 million to support the salaries and benefits costs for educational assistants to work with students who may require additional support
- Custodian/Maintenance amount: \$4.0 million to support the salaries and benefits costs for custodians to maintain clean schools

School boards are expected to use this funding for its intended purpose, with priority given to professional/paraprofessional staff to help support safer learning environments for students.

Each school board's allocation for the three amounts within the Safe and Clean Schools Supplement is set out in the GSN regulation.

The Safe and Clean Schools Supplement is projected to be \$19.9 million in 2023–24.

Mental Health and Well-Being Grant

The Mental Health and Well-Being Grant provides funding to foster the learning, mental health and well-being of students, including support for frontline mental health workers in secondary schools to provide direct service, reduce wait times, and improve access to critical services; to strengthen positive school climates; and support the continued learning and well-being of students who are suspended/expelled or at risk of being suspended/expelled. This grant also provides targeted funding for select secondary schools in priority urban neighbourhoods.

The Mental Health and Well-Being Grant comprises the following six allocations:

- Mental Health Workers Allocation – \$26.5 million
- Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation – \$36.7 million
- Student Mental Well-Being Allocation – \$10.5 million
- Well-Being and Positive School Climates Allocation – \$3.2 million
- Safe and Accepting Schools Allocation – \$43.5 million
- Urban and Priority High Schools Allocation – \$10.0 million

Within the Mental Health and Well-Being Grant, the collective Student Mental Health (SMH) Envelope consists of the following:

- Data and Information Collection Amount of the Mental Health Workers Allocation
- Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation
- Student Mental Well-Being Allocation

School boards must use the funding provided through the three allocations above only for these three programs and must report any unspent funding as deferred revenue for future spending in these three programs. There is flexibility in how school boards may use some of the individual allocations within the SMH Envelope, as long as the funds in total are spent on those three programs in the envelope. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Additional reporting requirements outside of EFIS will be shared by the Mental Health Branch of the ministry.

The Mental Health and Well-Being Grant is projected to be \$130.4 million in 2023–24.

Mental Health Workers Allocation

The Mental Health Workers Allocation supports overall student mental health and ensures the best outcomes for students and their families. This allocation has two amounts:

- Mental Health Workers Staffing amount
- Data and Information Collection amount

Mental Health Workers Staffing Amount

The Mental Health Worker Staffing amount provides targeted funding for the hiring/continued employment of regulated mental health workers in secondary schools, whose roles include the following:

- provide direct services to students
- support school strategies for prevention, early identification and promotion of mental health
- support enhanced access through referrals to community mental health services for students requiring more intensive mental health supports outside of mental health services provided by the school/school board

Regulated mental health professionals may include social workers, psychologists and psychotherapists.

The formula ensures that all school boards with a secondary school generate funding for a minimum of one FTE mental health worker, regardless of school board size and geography.

The Mental Health Workers Staffing amount for each school board is the sum of the FTE Base component and FTE Top-Up component, as below:

FTE Base Component:

$1.51 \times \text{Professional/Para-professional benchmark of } \$79,374.69$

FTE Top-Up Component:

$\text{School Board's Secondary ADE} \times \text{Weighting Factor} \times \29.20

where:

Weighting factor¹ =
 $(722 \div \text{school board's average secondary school size}) \times \text{Scaling Factor}$

School board's average secondary school size =
 $\text{secondary ADE} \div (\text{number of secondary schools} + \text{number of combined schools})$

School Board's Average Secondary School Size	Scaling Factor
Less than 200	0.5
200 to <400	0.6
400 to <600	0.7
600 to <800	0.8
800 to <1,000	0.9
1,000+	1.0

Funding through the Mental Health Workers Staffing amount is enveloped, in that it may only be used to support the direct hiring/continued employment by school boards of regulated mental health professionals (i.e., school board FTEs) to support students in secondary schools. Any unspent funding must be reported as deferred revenue for mental health workers. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Data and Information Collection Amount

The Data and Information Collection amount is provided to assist with the collection of relevant information so that school boards are able to assess the use of mental health workers in their secondary schools and make timely evidence-based adjustments.

The funding may be used for related costs, including but not limited to the following:

- setting up data collection, analysis and/or reporting systems using standardized measurement tools for mental health data recording and progress monitoring for regulated school-based mental health professionals
- administrative and/or research related to the collection and reporting of data
- new technology necessary to collect, store and report on the data and training in data collection and use, including privacy protection practices

¹ The Weighting Factor is calculated based on a provincial average secondary school ADE (722 for 2023–24 based on projections).

The Data and Information Collection amount is \$50,000 per school board with secondary schools. This amount is part of the SMH envelope. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The Mental Health Workers Allocation is projected to be \$26.5 million in 2023–24.

Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation

The Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation provides funding to school boards to support student mental health in order to foster the continued learning and well-being of students.

School boards may use this funding for the following student mental health related purposes:

- employ mental health professionals to directly support students
- bolster professional literacy training for educators, staff and system leaders and provide professional learning and training for all school-based mental health professionals
- enhance collaboration with community mental health providers to ensure better access through early assessment, clear referral and care pathways between school and community for students requiring more intensive supports outside of mental health services provided by the school/school board by developing protocols between schools and the community-based sector
- support student mental health literacy learning and raise mental health awareness for parents and families
- provide student engagement opportunities regarding mental health
- support the collection, analysis and reporting of reliable student mental health related information by implementing evidence-based brief intervention and standardized measurement tools for mental health data recording and progress monitoring for regulated school-based mental health professionals

School boards have the flexibility to utilize this funding to address local student mental health priorities both at the elementary and secondary panels.

This allocation is part of the SMH envelope. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The allocation is calculated as follows:

$$\$313,833 \text{ per school board} + (\$6.93 \times \text{ADE})$$

The Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation is projected to be \$36.7 million in 2023–24.

Student Mental Well-Being Allocation

The Student Mental Well-Being Allocation fosters resilience and mental well-being for students. This allocation has two amounts:

- Foster the Resilience and Mental Well-Being of All Students amount – \$5.3 million)
- Implement Evidence-Based Mental Health Programs and Resources amount (\$5.3 million)

Foster the Resilience and Mental Well-Being of All Students Amount

This amount supports school boards in fostering the resilience and mental well-being of all students through student engagement, staff development, stakeholder consultation, programs, services, and planning with community child and youth mental health providers.

This component is calculated as follows:

$$\$10,401 + (\$2.21 \text{ per ADE})$$

Implement Evidence-Based Mental Health Programs and Resources Component

This amount supports school boards in implementing evidence-based mental health programs and resources for students with a mild-to-moderate mental health concern.

This component is calculated as follows:

$$\$6,240.82 + (\$2.38 \text{ per ADE})$$

This allocation is part of the SMH envelope. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The Student Mental Well-Being Allocation is projected to be \$10.5 million in 2023–24.

Well-Being and Positive School Climates Allocation

This funding supports school boards in meeting local needs and priorities that promote well-being and inclusive education, including strengthening positive school climates. This funding enables school boards to support activities in their improvement and multi-year strategic plans.

This allocation is calculated as follows:

$$\$10,402 + (\$1.19 \text{ per ADE})$$

The Well-Being and Positive School Climates Allocation is projected to be \$3.2 million in 2023–24.

Safe and Accepting Schools Allocation

The Safe and Accepting Schools Allocation is based on enrolment, geographic factors, and social and economic indicators, with all school boards receiving a minimum allocation of \$31,561 for professional support and \$63,119 for programs and support for suspended and expelled students. This allocation is made up of two components:

- Professional Staff Support component
- Prevention and Program Support component

Information provided by school boards and 2006 Statistics Canada's census data was used to construct the weighted demographic per-pupil amounts.

The following socio-economic factors based on 2006 census are used in both the Professional Staff Support and the Prevention and Program Support components:

- the percentage of school-aged children in households whose income is below the Low-Income Cut-Off (LICO) point (after tax)
- the percentage of adult population having less than a high school diploma or equivalent
- the percentage of children in a household led by a single parent
- the percentage of the child-aged population who are of Indigenous ancestry
- the percentage of school-aged children who immigrated to Canada between 2001 and 2006

Professional Staff Support Component

This funding supports non-teaching staff such as social workers, child and youth workers, psychologists, educational assistants and attendance counsellors. The activities of these non-teaching staff are critical to preventing and mitigating risk factors for a significant number of students at risk of suspension/expulsion.

The following table describes how the Professional Staff Support component is calculated:

Item	Description	Calculation
A	Enrolment	Total ADE x \$4.13
B	Dispersion ¹	[(Grades 4 to 8 enrolment × 0.099253) + (Grades 9 to 12 enrolment × 0.264681)] × remote and rural dispersion factor
C	Demographic	Total ADE × weighted demographic per pupil ²
D	Total Component	max [\$31,561, (A + B + C)]

The Professional Staff Support component is projected to be \$13.7 million in 2023–24.

Prevention and Program Support Component

The primary purpose of this funding is to support programs for expelled students and students serving long-term suspensions. In addition, this funding can be used to support whole school, classroom and student-level prevention and intervention activities for students in junior kindergarten to Grade 12 who have engaged in inappropriate behaviour or are at risk of suspension or expulsion. The following table describes how the Prevention and Program Support component is calculated:

Item	Description	Calculation
A	Enrolment	Total ADE × \$9.05
B	Dispersion ³	[(Grades 4 to 8 enrolment × 0.217276) + (Grades 9 to 12 enrolment × 0.579408)] × remote and rural dispersion factor
C	Demographic	Total ADE × weighted demographic per pupil ⁴
D	Total Component	max [\$63,119, (A + B + C)]

1 Each school board's Remote and Rural Dispersion Factors is set out in the GSN regulation.

2 Each school board's weighted per-pupil amount for Professional Staff Support component is set out in the GSN regulation.

3 Each school board's Remote and Rural Dispersion Factors is set out in the GSN regulation.

4 Each school board's weighted per-pupil amount for the Prevention and Program component is set out in the GSN regulation.

The Prevention and Program Support component is projected to be \$29.9 million in 2023–24.

The Safe and Accepting Schools Allocation is projected to be \$43.5 million in 2023–24.

Urban and Priority High Schools Allocation

The Ministry of Education recognizes and supports the academic success of secondary school students experiencing challenges including low academic achievement, suspension and expulsion, conflict with the law, poverty and a lack of access to community resources in their neighbourhoods. This allocation provides funding to 40 high schools in 12 school boards in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, London, Ottawa, Waterloo, and Windsor. School boards are required to spend these funds on programs and initiatives that support in-risk students in secondary schools identified by the ministry.

Schools work with community partners to develop annual action plans to create supportive conditions necessary for learning, including socio-emotional and academic supports, a safe environment, and opportunities aimed at increasing engagement, student well-being and academic achievement.

Through this initiative schools collaborate with communities to ensure that all students have the opportunities and support that they need to develop to their full potential.

Each school board's allocation for the Urban and Priority High Schools Allocation is set out in the GSN regulation.

The Urban and Priority High Schools Allocation is projected to be \$10.0 million in 2023–24.

Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant

The Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant contains multiple components to support a variety of pupils and learning opportunities, primarily outside the regular day-school program, including summer school, adult education, international and Indigenous language programs, and other programs to support student achievement and address learning gaps.

The Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant comprises the following:

- Adult Day School Allocation – \$11.8 million
- High-Credit Day School Allocation – \$3.2 million
- Summer School Allocation – \$33.2 million
- Continuing Education Allocation – \$60.7 million
- Adult Day School/Continuing Education Supplement – \$22.9 million
- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Allocation – \$2.7 million
- International and Indigenous Languages, Elementary (IILE) Allocation – \$20.0 million
- International Student Recovery Amount – Reduction of \$11.3 million

The Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant is projected to be \$143.2 million in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

55-Hour Summer School Credit Upgrading Courses

The ministry is continuing to allow for the 55-hour credit upgrading summer course option that has been available since summer 2020 on an ongoing basis. These 55-hour credit upgrading summer courses are exempt from the 34-credit threshold.

See “High-Credit Day School Allocation” in this section of the document.

Adult Day School Allocation

Pupils who are 21 years of age on or before December 31 of the current school year are adult students for the purposes of funding. Funding is \$3,661 per ADE for adults who are enrolled in regular day school courses, in accordance with the school board’s policy on admission of adult pupils.

Total funding for Adult Day School Allocation is projected to be \$11.8 million in 2023–24.

High-Credit Day School Allocation

High credits are the number of non-exempt credits above the 34-credit threshold being attempted by a non-exempt pupil. School boards will determine the proportion of total credits taken for each pupil in the day school that are high credits and apply that proportion to the total minutes of instruction in the pupil’s timetable. This calculation will allow for a distinction between regular minutes of instruction and high-credit minutes of instruction for each of the October 31 and March 31 count dates¹. The minutes of instruction will then be used to calculate regular day school ADE and high-credit day school ADE. Funding is \$3,661 per high-credit day school ADE.

The following pupils and/or credits are exempt from the 34-credit threshold:

Pupils within Four Years

Pupils who are enrolled in their first four consecutive years of secondary school are exempt from the 34-credit threshold. One of the following two proxies is used to determine whether a pupil is exempt:

	Cohort Proxy	Age Proxy
Applies to:	Pupils whose first enrolment in Grade 9 in a secondary school in an Ontario publicly funded school board or school authority	All other pupils
Exempt in 2023–24 if:	Started Grade 9 in 2020–21 or thereafter	Age as of December 31, 2023 is less than 18.

Note: Reach-ahead credits or specialized courses (e.g., music with the Royal Conservatory) do not indicate the beginning of secondary school for a pupil (i.e., the number of years would not start until the pupil enrolled in Grade 9).

Pupils with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Pupils who have an IEP are exempt from the 34-credit threshold.

¹ For school boards that have chosen a quadmester or octomester delivery model, the high-credit minutes of instruction are determined by, first, calculating the average number of minutes of instruction based on the 16th day of each quadmester or octomester. Then the high-credit minutes of instruction reported for the October count date will be based on the average of the average number of minutes of instruction per term for the first 2 quadmasters or the first 4 octomesters. For the March count date, the high-credit minutes of instruction reported will be based on the average of the average number of minutes of instruction per term for the last 2 quadmasters or the last 4 octomesters.

Exempt Courses

English as a Second Language (ESL) / English Literacy Development (ELD), Actualisation linguistique en français (ALF) and Programme d'appui aux nouveaux arrivants (PANA) credit courses are exempt from the 34-credit threshold. In addition, these credits will continue to be counted as regular credits as opposed to high credits even if they are taken after the pupil has passed the 34-credit threshold.

The 55-hour upgrading classes or courses taken since the summer of 2020 (2019–20 school year), are also exempt from the 34-credit threshold.

Total funding for the High-Credit Day School Allocation is projected to be \$3.2 million in 2023–24.

Summer School Allocation

School boards may offer courses for credit, to day-school students, through summer school to meet a variety of student needs. Funding also supports non-credit programs for students with exceptionalities. A summer school class may not begin until after the last school day in the school year and must be completed prior to the first day of the following school year and must be provided between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Funding is \$3,661 per summer school ADE.

Total funding for the Summer School Allocation is projected to be \$33.2 million in 2023–24.

Continuing Education Allocation

Continuing Education provides opportunities for pupils of all ages from September to August to fulfill their secondary school requirements and/or specific credit courses required for entry into postsecondary institutions and apprenticeship programs. The courses may be offered during the day-school program, at night, on the weekend or at the end of the day-school program. Funding is \$3,661 per Continuing Education ADE (excluding students for whom fees may be charged under the tuition fees regulation). This includes ADE in a non-credit class in literacy and/or math for adult day, fully high-credit day-school students and continuing education students for whom a Grade 9 or 10 remedial program in literacy and/or math has been recommended by the principal of the school.

Funding through the School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant is provided for day-school students aged 21 and over, high-credit secondary day-school ADE, and for students enrolled in summer school programs and in continuing education credit courses offered during the day.

Total funding for the Continuing Education Allocation is projected to be \$60.7 million in 2023–24.

Adult Day School/Continuing Education Supplement

The Adult Day School/Continuing Education Supplement supports investments related to adult day school and continuing education based on local priorities and central collective agreements.

Depending on the collective agreements for some employee groups, this funding may be required for compensation or staffing under the Supports for Students Fund (SSF).

Each school board's funding under the Adult Day School/Continuing Education Supplement is set out in the GSN regulation.

The Adult Day School/Continuing Education Supplement is projected to be \$22.9 million in 2023–24.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Allocation

PLAR for mature¹ students is a mandatory formal evaluation and accreditation process carried out under the direction of a school principal through which the principal may grant secondary school credits to mature students. PLAR assessment services that are funded include the following:

- \$131 for an individual student assessment for Grade 9 and 10 credits (maximum of one such assessment per mature student in any one school year)
- \$131 for an individual student equivalency assessment for Grade 11 and 12 credits (maximum of one such assessment per mature student in any one school year)
- \$394 for each completed challenge assessment for a Grade 11 or 12 full credit course, whether successful or unsuccessful

School boards are funded based on the number of performed assessments.

The PLAR Allocation is projected to be \$2.7 million in 2023–24.

¹ A mature student is a student who is at least 18 years of age on or after January 1 of the current school year and who is enrolled in a program for the purpose of obtaining an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

International and Indigenous Languages, Elementary (IILE) Allocation

Funding is provided for approved elementary classes in international and Indigenous languages instruction in a language other than English or French based on a rate of \$60.68 per classroom hour when a school board's average class size for the program is 23 or more. Where the average size of a language class is less than 23, the rate of \$60.68 per classroom hour is reduced by \$1 for every pupil less than 23.

The IILE Allocation is projected to be \$20.0 million in 2023–24.

International Student Recovery Amount (ISRA)

School boards' operating allocations will be reduced by the ISRA. The ISRA is based on the ADE of fee-paying international visa students reported in OnSIS, calculated as follows:

\$1,300 x ADE for international visa students

School boards are responsible for setting tuition fee amounts for international / visa students per the tuition fees regulation, which sets the minimum amount that must be charged to non-resident students.

The International Student Recovery Amount is projected to be a reduction of \$11.3 million in 2023–24.

Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grant

The Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grant provides funding for a variety of funding adjustments, including compensation related funding adjustments for teachers and other staff, as well as for professional development for teachers.

This grant comprises the following seven allocations:

- Cost Adjustment Allocation – \$17.5 million (net of public sector compensation restraint amount)
- Teacher Qualifications and Experience Allocation – \$1.91 billion
- Early Childhood Educator Qualifications and Experience Allocation – \$135.0 million
- New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP) Allocation – \$13.7 million
- Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation – \$3.5 million
- Retirement Gratuities – Projected savings of \$1.9 million
- Benefits Trusts Allocation – \$311.1 million

The total Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grant is projected to be \$2.39 billion in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Differentiated Funding for Online Learning

The secondary per-pupil benchmarks in the Teacher Qualifications and Experience Allocation are being updated to reflect the adjusted benchmark funding for classroom teacher staffing in the Secondary Pupil Foundation Allocation based on the differentiated funded average class size for online learning and in-person and remote learning.

See “Secondary” in the Teacher Q&E Allocation in this section of the document.

Cost Adjustment Allocation

The Cost Adjustment Allocation provides \$3.0 million in funding for expanded eligibility for sick leave and \$24.5 million in funding for expanded benefits for maternity leave.

Of this allocation, a public sector compensation restraint amount of \$10 million will continue to be recovered from school boards. This recovery is based on the non-unionized staff reported by school boards in 2008–09 Revised Estimates, as requested in memorandum 2008: SB26 – *2008–09 Revised Estimates*. Principals and vice-principals are not included in the calculation of non-bargaining staff, since principals and vice-principals participate in labour discussions.

Each school board’s funding under the Cost Adjustment Allocation is set out in the GSN regulation.

Teacher Qualifications and Experience (Q&E) Allocation

The Teacher Q&E Allocation provides funding to school boards with teachers who, because of their qualifications and experience, have average funded salaries above the benchmark level used in the Pupil Foundation Grant.

Elementary

Each school board’s elementary average teacher qualifications and experience factor is the greater of:

A/B – 1
or
zero

where

A = weighted total number of elementary teacher FTE on the school board’s regular grid (where each cell is weighted by the value specified for that cell on the Instructional Salary matrix)

B = total number of elementary teacher FTE on the board’s regular grid

The Elementary Teacher Q&E Allocation is calculated as follows:

Average elementary teacher Q&E factor
× [JK/SK Q&E benchmark (\$4,283.64) × JK/SK ADE
+ Grades 1 to 3 Q&E benchmark (\$5,478.45) × Grades 1 to 3 ADE
+ Grades 4 to 8 Q&E benchmark (\$4,462.73) × Grades 4 to 8 ADE
+ Grades 7 to 8 Supplementary Q&E benchmark (\$231.65) × Grades 7 to 8 ADE]

Secondary

The average secondary teacher Q&E factor is calculated as follows:

Each school board's secondary average teacher qualifications and experience factor is the greater of

A/B – 1
or
zero

where

A = weighted total number of secondary teacher FTE on the school board's regular grid (where each cell is weighted by the value specified for that cell on the Instructional Salary matrix)

B = total number of secondary teacher FTE on the school board's regular grid

The Secondary Teacher Q&E Allocation is calculated as follows:

Average secondary teacher Q&E factor ×
Secondary Q&E benchmark (\$5,222.02) ×
Secondary ADE

Instructional Salary Matrix (Elementary and Secondary)

Qualifications & Experience	D	C	B	A1	A2	A3	A4
0	0.5825	0.5825	0.5825	0.6178	0.6478	0.7034	0.7427
1	0.6185	0.6185	0.6185	0.6557	0.6882	0.7487	0.7898
2	0.6562	0.6562	0.6562	0.6958	0.7308	0.7960	0.8397
3	0.6941	0.6941	0.6941	0.7359	0.7729	0.8433	0.8897
4	0.7335	0.7335	0.7335	0.7772	0.8165	0.8916	0.9418
5	0.7725	0.7725	0.7725	0.8185	0.8600	0.9398	0.9932
6	0.8104	0.8104	0.8104	0.8599	0.9035	0.9881	1.0453
7	0.8502	0.8502	0.8502	0.9013	0.9475	1.0367	1.0973
8	0.8908	0.8908	0.8908	0.9435	0.9919	1.0856	1.1500
9	0.9315	0.9315	0.9315	0.9856	1.0356	1.1344	1.2025
10 or more	1.0187	1.0187	1.0187	1.0438	1.0999	1.2166	1.2982

Multiplying the instructional salary matrix by the salary benchmark in the Pupil Foundation Grant of \$81,301 gives the provincially funded salary as shown in the grid below:

Qualifications & Experience	D	C	B	A1	A2	A3	A4
0	\$47,358	\$47,358	\$47,358	\$50,228	\$52,667	\$57,187	\$60,382
1	\$50,285	\$50,285	\$50,285	\$53,309	\$55,951	\$60,870	\$64,212
2	\$53,350	\$53,350	\$53,350	\$56,569	\$59,415	\$64,716	\$68,268
3	\$56,431	\$56,431	\$56,431	\$59,829	\$62,838	\$68,561	\$72,333
4	\$59,634	\$59,634	\$59,634	\$63,187	\$66,382	\$72,488	\$76,569
5	\$62,805	\$62,805	\$62,805	\$66,545	\$69,919	\$76,407	\$80,748
6	\$65,886	\$65,886	\$65,886	\$69,911	\$73,455	\$80,334	\$84,984
7	\$69,122	\$69,122	\$69,122	\$73,277	\$77,033	\$84,285	\$89,212
8	\$72,423	\$72,423	\$72,423	\$76,707	\$80,642	\$88,260	\$93,496
9	\$75,732	\$75,732	\$75,732	\$80,130	\$84,195	\$92,228	\$97,764
10 or more	\$82,821	\$82,821	\$82,821	\$84,862	\$89,423	\$98,911	\$105,545

Note 1: These figures do not include benefits.

Note 2: Pension plan contributions for teachers and eligible members of OTPP are matched by the government and are not included in the benchmark salaries and benefits.

The Teacher Q&E Allocation is projected to be \$1.91 billion in 2023–24.

Early Childhood Educator Qualifications and Experience Allocation

The Early Childhood Educator Qualifications and Experience (Q&E) Allocation provides funding to school boards with educators who, because of their qualifications and experience, have average funded salaries above the benchmark level used in the Pupil Foundation Grant. “Educators” refers to persons employed by a school board to fill a position in a junior kindergarten or senior kindergarten class that is designated by the school board as requiring an ECE.

The average ECE Q&E factor is calculated as follows:

Each board’s average ECE qualifications and experience factor is the greater of

$$(A + B)/C - 1$$

or
zero

where

A = weighted total number of category A educator FTE on the school board's grid (where each cell is weighted by the value specified for that cell on the Educator Salary Matrix)

B = total number of category B educator FTE multiplied by 0.955864

C = total number of educator FTE on the school board's grid

Educators for the purposes of this allocation are divided into two qualification categories:

Category A: Those who are a member of the College of Early Childhood Educators.

Category B: Those who are not a member of the College of Early Childhood Educators.

Educator Salary Matrix

Experience	Factor for Category A Educators
0	1.028602
1	1.100883
2	1.173530
3	1.245812
4 or more	1.318550

The educator distribution as of October 31, 2022, is used for the calculation of this allocation.

The Early Childhood Educator Q&E Allocation is calculated as follows:

Average ECE Q&E Factor
× ECE benchmark (\$1,749.18)
× JK/SK ADE

The ECE Q&E Allocation is projected to be \$135.0 million in 2023–24.

New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP) Allocation

The NTIP Allocation is designed to support the growth and professional development of new teachers in the system. The [NTIP](#) provides professional support to help new teachers develop the requisite skills and knowledge to be effective as teachers in Ontario.

NTIP consists of the following:

- orientation for all new teachers to the school and school board
- mentoring for new teachers by experienced teachers
- professional learning relevant to the individual needs of new teachers

In addition to the NTIP induction elements, new permanent hires are evaluated twice within their first 12 months of employment through the Teacher Performance Appraisal process.

School boards will receive funding for the NTIP Allocation that is the lesser of the following:

- \$50,000 per school board plus \$1,142.56 multiplied by the number of teachers on Rows 0, 1, and 2 of a school board's previous year's Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grid

OR

- a school board's eligible current year's expenses for NTIP

School boards are expected to use this allocation for eligible NTIP expenses and are required to meet NTIP requirements according to legislation and the *New Teacher Induction Program: Induction Elements Manual*. School boards are also required to participate in any NTIP-related support and evaluation activities. In addition, school boards are expected to continue to submit an NTIP plan and final report (including a detailed accounting statement) to the Professionalism, Teaching Policy and Standards Unit (within the Strategic Policy and Initiatives Branch) via the ministry's regional offices. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Below is a summary of how school boards may use NTIP funding.

NTIP Required Teachers

The school board shall provide NTIP to the following:

- 1st year permanent hires
 - Teachers certified by the Ontario College of Teachers hired into a permanent position – full-time or part-time – by a school board to begin teaching for the first time in Ontario's publicly funded school system
- 2nd year permanent hires who do not successfully complete NTIP in their first year

Mentors

School boards shall support NTIP mentors. Mentors are considered to be experienced teachers supporting NTIP teachers.

Long-Term Occasional Teachers

School boards are encouraged to provide the induction elements to 1st year long-term occasional teachers with assignments of 97 days or longer (i.e., certified occasional teachers in their first long-term assignment, with that assignment being 97 or more consecutive school days as a substitute for the same teacher).

Additional NTIP Eligible Teachers

Any teacher in their first five years who falls outside of the NTIP required definition is eligible for support. This includes the following:

- daily occasional teachers
- short- and long-term occasional teachers (any duration of assignment)
- continuing education teachers
- permanent hires past year 1
- mentors supporting any teacher in their first five years (e.g., teacher-candidates, occasional teachers)

The NTIP Allocation is projected to be \$13.7 million in 2023–24

Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation

The Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation supports ongoing teacher professional learning. The allocation enables school boards to support teacher collaboration, responsive learning and sharing of effective practices within schools, within school boards and across the province.

The allocation may be used in accordance with local needs and in alignment with current provincial priorities for education.

The funding may be used to:

- identify specific schools or school teams with innovative practices
- create new or augment existing professional learning designs
- support proposals from teacher teams for learning projects responsive to professional learning needs and current educational issues

This allocation is calculated as follows:

$$\$20,000 + [\$25,000 \text{ if } (ADE \geq 500)] + [\$18,000 \text{ if } (ADE \geq 50,000)]$$

The Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation is projected to be \$3.5 million in 2023–24.

Retirement Gratuities

In 2015–16, one-time funding was provided for the early payout of retirement gratuities based on the amount that the school board's retirement gratuity early payout exceeded the school board's funded retirement gratuities liability as at August 31, 2016. The funding adjustment started in 2016–17 continues. It is calculated by dividing the one-time funding provided for the retirement gratuity payout and the one-time gain reported in the 2015–16 financial statements by the school board's Employee Average Remaining Service Life (EARSL) as at August 31, 2016. School boards will also be required to continue managing, for compliance purposes each year, a portion of their remaining unfunded retirement gratuity liability over the school boards' remaining EARSL.

It is projected that Retirement Gratuities will yield provincial savings of \$1.9 million in 2023–24.

Benefits Trusts Allocation

The Benefits Trusts Allocation provides the incremental funding required to support the Employee Life and Health Trusts (ELHTs).

The incremental funding consists of the Crown Contribution and Benefits Stabilization Adjustment.

Crown Contribution

The Crown Contribution supports the government share of the negotiated benefits funding increases per FTE. It mainly reflects the difference between the ELHT payment amount per FTE, which is negotiated and reflected in the central collective agreements, and the average benefit cost per FTE for all school boards for each employee/bargaining group. The average benefits cost per FTE for all school boards for each employee/bargaining group is a fixed amount based on the 2014–15 benefits cost per FTE for an employee/bargaining group plus 4 per cent inflationary increases for each year in 2015–16 and 2016–17 only.

Note: GSN funding to support salary increases results in increased benefits funding through the benefits benchmarks and notional shares as these are specified as a percentage of salary. A portion of the benefits benchmarks and notional shares are still attributable to funding to support employee health, life and dental benefits, which are provided through the ELHTs. Since a portion of this increased benefits funding is still notionally attributable to increased funding for contributions to the ELHTs, it is necessary to net out the funding increases notionally attributable to ELHT contributions resulting from salary increases for 2017–18 onwards from this additional funding for Crown Contributions towards ELHT funding.

Benefits Stabilization Adjustment

The Benefits Stabilization Adjustment “trues-up” school boards to their pre ELHT benefits costs structure per FTE. It is the sum of the differences between the average benefits cost per FTE (based on the 2014–15 benefit cost per FTE for an employee/bargaining group plus 4 per cent inflationary increases for each of 2015–16 and 2016–17) and the school board’s 2014–15 average benefit cost per FTE for an employee/bargaining group plus 4 per cent inflationary increases for each of 2015–16 and 2016–17.

Each school board’s funding for each component under the Benefits Trusts Allocation is set out in the GSN regulation in aggregate.

The Benefits Trusts Allocation is projected to be \$311.1 million in 2023–24.

Supports for Students Fund

The Supports for Students Fund (SSF) provides flexible funding for school boards to support the learning needs of students, which may include special education, mental health and well-being, language instruction, Indigenous education and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programming.

This fund (also known as Investment in System Priorities in some former collective agreements) is being continued into 2023–24, and school boards should continue to use this funding for its intended purpose under respective collective agreements for appropriate employee groups.

Each school board's allocation of the SSF is set out in the GSN regulation.

Funds provided through the Adult Day School/Continuing Education Supplement of the Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant may be required for compensation or staffing under the SSF, depending on the collective agreements for some employee groups.

The SSF is projected to be \$219.6 million in 2023–24.

Program Leadership Grant

The Program Leadership Grant (PLG) provides funding to support the following six lead positions:

- Early Years Leads
- Indigenous Education Leads
- Mental Health Leaders
- School Effectiveness Leads
- Student Success Leads
- Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching (TELT) Contact Leads

Leads are responsible for the organization, administration, management, and implementation of supports to achieve the goals within their respective program areas.

The Program Leadership Grant is projected to be \$74.2 million in 2023–24.

Funding Envelope and Requirements

The PLG is enveloped, in that the funding must be spent on leads' salary, benefits, travel and professional development (PD). As such, PD funds for this envelope may not be spent on educator release time.

While funding is generated for each of the leads, each based on a particular benchmark, school boards are not required to match expenses to funding. This means school boards have the flexibility to use the funding, within the envelope, across the six lead positions to address on-the-ground needs while adhering to individual requirements for each lead to best support key outcomes for these positions, except for the Indigenous Education Lead. Refer to the Indigenous Education Lead section for more details.

The requirements related to leads are as follows:

- minimum staffing requirements (i.e., specific FTE requirements)
- expectations related to job splitting (i.e., whether the position can be split between more than one individual)
- dedication (i.e., whether the lead can hold any other portfolio within the school board)

Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Funding Benchmarks

School boards generate funding up to their maximum PLG¹, based on the sum of two components:

- Salary & Benefits component
- Travel & PD component

Salary & Benefits Component

The maximum Salary & Benefits component is calculated as follows:

$(1.71 \times A) + (1.0 \times B) + (4.0 \times C) + [1.0 \times C \text{ if (elementary ADE} > 85,000)] + (D \times C)$,
where:

A = Professional / paraprofessional benchmark of \$79,374.69

B = Information Technology staffing benchmark of \$107,454.58

C = Supervisory officer (SO) benchmark of \$166,635.88²

D = Additional FTE	Based on total enrolment
0	$0 < \text{ADE} \leq 72,000$
0.5	$72,000 < \text{ADE} \leq 115,000$
1.0	$115,000 < \text{ADE} \leq 150,000$
2.0	$150,000 < \text{ADE} \leq 200,000$
3.0	$\text{ADE} > 200,000$

Travel & Professional Development (PD) Component

The Travel & PD component is 10.44 per cent of the Salary & Benefits component.

¹ There is an expenditure adjustment applied. In some cases, school boards may generate less than the maximum PLG.

² Additional funding is provided through the Executive Compensation Allocation for 2017–18 Increases.

Program Lead Descriptions

Early Years Lead

Early Years Leads support the implementation of Ontario's vision of a responsive, high-quality, accessible and increasingly integrated early years system that contributes to healthy child development.

The minimum hiring requirements are based on school board ADE, as outlined below. At least 0.5 FTE of the total FTE hiring requirement for Early Years Leads must be at the SO level. An exception to hiring at the SO level may be requested by the school board in writing to the Early Years and Child Care Division of the ministry, and a decision will be made based on the information provided (e.g., geographic and/or recruitment challenges). In the circumstance where a lead is not an SO, the school board will be required to identify an SO who is accountable for the implementation of the Early Years Leadership Strategy with oversight over the work of the lead(s). Job splitting is allowed, but an FTE cannot be split to less than 0.5 FTE level. This is a non-dedicated position, in that the Early Years Lead can hold another portfolio in addition to this one. However, the ministry expects at least 50% of their time be dedicated to this role in that the ministry expects Early Years Leads to actively and regularly engage with the service system managers in their district to optimally enact the goals of the Early Years Leadership Strategy as outlined in the annual reporting requirements.

As per the following table, school boards' minimum hiring requirements for Early Years Leads are based on school board ADE. When school boards employ an Early Years Lead, school boards will generate funding equal to eligible expenses up to a maximum of the supervisory officer benchmark of \$166,635.88 plus 10.44 per cent for travel and PD for the lead(s), multiplied by the ADE Funding Factor outlined in this table:

ADE	Total FTE Hiring Requirement	ADE Funding Factor
0 < ADE ≤ 72,000	Minimum 1.0	1.0
72,000 < ADE ≤ 115,000	Minimum 1.5	1.5
115,000 < ADE ≤ 150,000	Minimum 2.0	2.0
150,000 < ADE ≤ 200,000	Minimum 3.0	3.0
ADE > 200,000	Minimum 4.0	4.0

Additional reporting requirements for this position outside of EFIS are shared with school boards by regional staff of the Early Years and Child Care Division of the ministry every year. An exception form is required if a school board cannot meet the minimum hiring requirements. This form can be provided by regional staff upon request.

Indigenous Education Lead

Indigenous Education Leads support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students, as well as assist in building the knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous histories, cultures, perspectives and contributions.

The Indigenous Education Lead must be a full-time position and must be dedicated. Job splitting is not permitted, unless an exemption is requested by the school board in writing to the ministry's Indigenous Education Office. If the lead is not a supervisory officer, the school board will also be required to identify a supervisory officer who is accountable for the implementation of the Board Action Plan on Indigenous Education with oversight over the work of the lead.

The hiring requirement is a minimum of 1.0 FTE per school board. School boards continue to be required to spend at least half of the supervisory officer salary and benefits benchmark on a dedicated Indigenous Education Lead through the PLG.

The school board generates the equivalent of the SO benchmark of \$166,635.88 plus 10.44 per cent for travel and PD for an Indigenous Education Lead that is employed by the school board. Funding generated may only be spent on the Indigenous Education Lead, and not for any other leads contained within the PLG. School boards will continue to be required to spend at least half of the benchmark on the Indigenous Education Lead salary and benefits through the PLG, and any remainder must be reported and spent under the BAP Allocation.

Mental Health Leaders

Mental Health Leaders work with school and school board administrators, educators, school-based mental health professionals and community partners to create a more integrated and responsive child and youth mental health and addictions system, with clear and streamlined pathways to, from and through services for students with mental health needs.

Mental Health Leaders are expected to work in collaboration with community partners, participate in local planning tables and support timely access to high quality services and programs to students.

The hiring requirement is a minimum of 1.0 FTE per school board, and job splitting is not allowed. This is a dedicated position with no additional reporting requirements outside of EFIS. The Mental Health Leader must meet the following criteria unless an exemption is requested by the school board in writing to the Mental Health Branch and a decision is made by the ministry based on the information provided:

- a senior mental health professional (minimum of master’s level training in psychology, psychiatry, or social work)
- a regulated mental health professional
- possesses a clinical background with practical experience in schools, working with school teams to support students

When the school board employs a Mental Health Leader, it will generate funding equal to eligible expenses and up to a maximum of 1.71 x Professional/ para-professional benchmark of \$79,374.69 plus 10.44 per cent for travel and PD.

School Effectiveness Lead

School Effectiveness Leads are responsible for the organization, administration, management, and implementation of the School Effectiveness Framework (SEF). The SEF supports schools and school boards in assessing school effectiveness so that plans for improvement can be put in place.

The hiring requirement is a minimum of 1.0 FTE per school board. The position must be at a supervisory officer (SO) level unless an exemption is requested by the school board in writing to the Student Achievement Division of the ministry and a decision is made by the ministry based on the information provided. If the role is not filled at an SO level and/or responsibilities are shared between multiple staff, the school board must identify a single staff person at an SO level who has oversight over the work of the lead(s). This is a non-dedicated position.

When the school board employs a School Effectiveness Lead, it will generate funding equal to related expenses and up to a maximum of the SO benchmark of \$166,635.88 plus 10.44 per cent multiplied by the Elementary ADE Funding Factor, as follows:

Elementary ADE	Elementary ADE Funding Factor
0 < ADE ≤ 85,000	1.0
ADE > 85,000	2.0

Student Success Lead

Student Success Leads, in conjunction with supports provided through the Student Success, Grade 7 to 12 Allocation of the Learning Opportunities Grant, collaborate, lead and supervise the supports that assist students facing barriers to success in terms of their achievement and well being. This funding is to be used to support the following:

- the delivery of effective education and career/life planning programs,

- to increase opportunities for students to participate in meaningful and engaging learning
- to meet graduation requirements, including passing the secondary school literacy graduation requirement,
- to make successful transitions to their initial post-secondary destination (i.e., apprenticeship, college, community living, university and workplace)

The hiring requirement is a minimum of 1.0 FTE per school board. The position must be at a supervisory officer (SO) level unless an exemption is requested by the school board in writing to the Student Achievement Division of the ministry and a decision is made by the ministry based on the information provided. If the role is not filled at an SO level and/or responsibilities are shared between multiple staff, the school board must identify a single staff person at an SO level who has oversight over the work of the lead(s). This is a non-dedicated position.

When the school board employs a Student Success Lead, it will generate funding equal to eligible expenses and up to a maximum of the SO benchmark of \$166,635.88 plus 10.44 per cent for travel and PD.

Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching (TELT) Contact Lead

The TELT Contact Leads are responsible for the effective adoption and implementation of the ministry-funded Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) through technical administration, professional learning for VLE users, supporting online learning, and building parent/guardian engagement.

Examples of the role may include:

- technical administration of the VLE including configuration of new tools, support for virtual class spaces, ongoing testing of latest features in the VLE and ensuring functioning integrations between the Student Information System and the VLE
- provide professional learning for educators on the use of the VLE for effective pedagogical practices in remote, online and blended learning
- support educators and students in using digital resources (e.g., online courses) in the VLE for online learning
- support building parent and guardian engagement through implementation of parent and guardian-focused tools in the VLE

The hiring requirement is a minimum of 1.0 FTE per school board. The person must be a member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers. If the role is shared between multiple staff, the school board will be required to designate a single staff person that has oversight of the work of the lead(s). This is a non-dedicated position. Additional reporting requirements for this position outside of EFIS are shared

by the Student Achievement Division and the French-Language Teaching, Learning and Achievement Division of the ministry.

When the school board employs a TELT Contact Lead, it will generate funding equal to eligible expenses and up to a maximum of the Information Technology staffing benchmark of \$107,454.58 plus 10.44 per cent for travel and PD.

Student Transportation Grant

The Student Transportation Grant provides school boards with funding to transport students to and from home and school, including students with special needs. The grant is made up of the following three allocations:

- Transportation Services Allocation – \$1,225.8 million
- School Bus Rider Safety Training Allocation – \$1.7 million
- Transportation to Provincial or Demonstration Schools Allocation – \$5.7 million

Any additional reporting requirements outside of EFIS will be shared with school boards by the Capital and Business Support Division of the ministry.

The total Student Transportation Grant is projected to be \$1,233.2 million in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

New Transportation Services Allocation

Starting in the 2023–24 school year, the ministry is implementing a new Student Transportation Grant funding framework that is transparent, equitable, and focused on reliability.

The new Transportation Services Allocation is based on needs derived from provincially-set Common Reference Standards criteria to encourage consistency and improve equitable access to student transportation services across Ontario. More specifically, it includes:

- A set of criteria (i.e., Common Reference Standards) that are applied to all school boards to determine need (i.e., optimal number of vehicles) for funding purposes
- Funding benchmark rates to reflect costs of operating school buses through a number of components:
 - Vehicle component to reflect annualized capital, operating, and licensing costs
 - Fuel component based on travel distance and market price of fuel
 - Driver component based on travel time, with provision for 30 minutes per day for non-driving duties, and an hourly wage benchmark of \$23

plus 13% for statutory benefits, along with an annual amount for recruitment/retention bonus and for driver training

- Funding to support the use of public transit for student transportation
- Funding for local priorities to support local decisions based on unique circumstances and needs
- Transition support to ensure that no school board sees a funding reduction as a result of the new funding formula (i.e., no funding reduction compared to 2022-23 school year allocation). The transition support will be updated annually to reflect changes in enrolment, new routing results, and changes to benchmarks.

The Fuel Benchmark Rate is updated from \$0.936 per litre for the southern school boards and \$0.957 per litre for the northern school boards to \$1.50 per litre for all school boards to recognize the recent trends in the market price of fuel. Furthermore, the fuel escalator/de-escalator mechanism continues to be provided through the Fuel Price Adjustment category of the new allocation to support school boards with the fluctuating cost of fuel.

The ministry will be introducing enhanced reporting requirements under the new Student Transportation Grant. These reporting requirements will provide the ministry with greater insight into how school boards are using certain components, such as the School Bus Driver component, Spare Capacity component, and the Public Transit amount. Additional information pertaining to these enhanced reporting requirements will be shared at a later date.

Common Reference Standards for Transportation Funding

The following set of criteria, also referred to as Common Reference Standards, established through consultations with the sector, is being applied to determine the Transportation Services Allocation. Funding is based on the optimal number of buses needed by applying the criteria to develop a routing simulation.

It is important to note that the Common Reference Standards are used for funding purposes only. School boards can make local decisions on operational policies that reflect their local needs and circumstances.

Student Eligibility for Funding

Funding Eligibility Based on Home-to-School Distance

The distance between a student's primary address to designated school that meets the distance condition set out below:

- a. **Primary address:** one address as designated by parent/family – may be a residential address or other location such as a childcare place.
 - In the case of shared custody arrangements, multiple addresses may be used.
- b. **Designated school:** determined based on the primary address and the catchment area of a school, as determined by the school board to be one of the following:
 - a regular school
 - a program school offering specialized programs such as French Immersion, Gifted, or Magnet

If the designated school is deemed to be operating at over capacity by the school board, an alternate school can be assigned.

- c. **Distance eligibility threshold:** The distance between the primary address and designated school is greater than the threshold noted below – based on the grade of the student.

	JK/SK	Grades 1 to 8	Grades 9 to 12
Eligibility threshold	0.8 km or more	1.6 km or more	3.2 km or more

Eligibility Other Than Distance

In cases where a student does not meet the home-to-school distance threshold criteria noted above, the following conditions can be applied based on local needs:

- a. **Student with Special Transportation Need (STN)** - identified by conditions such as the following:
 - School board (e.g., through Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC) or Individual Education Plan (IEP) process)
 - Approved documentation such as an application/request form and/or medical note indicating a medical condition requiring transportation
 - Student is attending a designated specialized program or approved local treatment centre

- b. Hazard walking conditions that may pose safety risks if students were to walk from home to school. These conditions include, but are not limited to the following:
- Multi-lane roads with higher speed limits and higher volumes of traffic
 - Infrastructure and physical characteristics (e.g., without sidewalks and/or controlled crossings (e.g., stop sign, traffic light, crosswalk, crossing guard, body of water)
 - Railway crossings (e.g., not signaled)
 - Other safety factors identified by authorities such as law enforcement authorities

The application of hazard conditions may reflect the age of students. Specific thresholds on what constitute a hazard condition may vary based on local geography and circumstances.

Mode of Transportation

Eligible students can be assigned with any one or more of several modes of transportation.

Transportation Mode	Examples
School Bus	Chrome yellow or Multi-function School Activity Bus (MFSAB) that vary by seating capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-size & Full-size Adapt (seating capacity of 48 or more) • Mid-size & Mid-size Adapt (seating capacity of 30 to 48) • Mini-size & Mini-size Adapt (seating capacity of up to 30)
Transit	Public transit system
Other Vehicles	Student assigned to the following vehicle types for the full school year: Passenger Vehicle, Van-Accessible, Taxi

The determination of an appropriate mode of transportation can be based on several factors including, but not limited to the following:

- Student need – such as the student requiring an adapted vehicle or needing to ride alone
- Safety and service level – such as the type of vehicle needed for road conditions of the route
- Availability – such as the supply of different bus sizes in a region
- Cost effectiveness – such as relative cost of alternate modes of transportation
- Routing strategy – such as number of runs, and available capacity on vehicles

For non-STN secondary students (Grades 9 to 12) living and attending school in areas serviced by public transit, the routing simulation should assign public transit unless there is an existing route and available capacity that can accommodate these students.

Definitions

Run: A single journey during which at least one student is transported on the school bus from home to school, or vice versa.

- Morning run is the run during which students are transported from home to school (in the morning or at noon).
- Afternoon run is the run during which students are transported from school to home (at noon or in the afternoon).

Deadhead: A measurement in distance and time from the drop-off location of the last run of a route back to the pick-up location of the first run of the route.

Link: A measurement in distance and time between two runs (from the last drop-off of one run to the first pick-up of the next run), excluding deadhead.

Load: *A measurement in distance and time that a school bus operates with students on board.*

Route: A route with at least one run in the morning and at least one run at noon and/or in the afternoon. The distance and time attributed to this route would be the sum of the distance and time of the run, deadhead and link associated with each run that is part of the route.

Rider: A rider is a student assigned to a seat on a bus run. Note: a single student could be counted as multiple riders - for example, a student in the morning run (going from home to school) and in the afternoon run (going from school to home) is counted as a distinct rider on each of the two runs.

Operational Days: Number of days that transportation services (busing, transit and other vehicles) are funded. This is set to 187 days in the allocation to align with the minimum number of instructional days pursuant to the *Education Act*.

School Bus Driver Practice & Training Days: Four days to support practice runs (i.e., runs with no students on board typically before start of the school year) and training for school bus drivers.

Statutory Holidays: Ten additional days for school bus driver compensation to recognize public and school holidays during the regular school year.

Transportation Services Allocation

The Transportation Services Allocation comprises four amounts, eight components, and 11 categories as outlined in the table below. Additional details for each of these are provided in the following pages.

Amount	Component	Category
Busing	• Vehicle	○ Capital ○ Operating ○ Licensing
	• Fuel	○ Fuel Base ○ Northern Adjustment ○ Fuel Price Adjustment
	• School Bus Driver	○ Daily Compensation ○ Retention and Recruitment Bonus ○ Driver Training
	• Spare Capacity	○ Spare Bus ○ Spare Driver
Public Transit		
Local Priorities & Operations	• Board	
	• Enrolment	
	• Rural and Northern Adjustment	
	• Special Transportation Needs	
Transition		

Busing Amount

The Busing amount reflects the funding to support the use of school buses in delivery of student transportation services. It comprises the following four components:

- Vehicle component
- Fuel component
- School Bus Driver component
- Spare Capacity component

Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board

Routing simulations, which provide the optimal number of school bus routes needed for a school board based on Common Reference Standards, are conducted at a student transportation consortium level.

The following is an illustrative example of how consortium-level routes are then attributed to member school boards.

This consortium has four routes – for each route, the routing simulation has a bus type, total daily distance (sum of run, deadhead and link), total daily time, and number of riders from each of the member school boards assigned to the runs (morning and afternoon combined).

T = Column Header		T1	T2	T3	T4	T5 = (T3 + T4)
Route	School Bus Type	Distance (km)	Time (hr)	Riders from School Board A	Riders from School Board B	Total Riders on the Route
Route #1	Full-Size	100	3	35	35	70
Route #2	Full-Size	150	3.5	45	15	60
<i>TOTAL of Full-Size</i>		<i>250</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>130</i>
Route #3	Mini-Size	70	2.5	10	10	20
Route #4	Mini-Size	100	2.5	15	5	20
<i>TOTAL of Mini-Size</i>		<i>170</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>40</i>
TOTAL		420	11.5	105	65	170

As multiple school boards can be members of one student transportation consortium, the following approach is being used to attribute consortium-based routing to determine the number of routes attributed to a school board.

School Board's Share of a Route

= Number of School Board's Riders on a Route/Total Number of Riders on the Route

Number of Bus Routes attributed to a School Board (by school bus type)

= \sum (School Board's Share of a Route)

Total Daily Driving Distance for a School Board

$$= \sum (\text{Route-Level Distance} \times \text{School Board's Share of a Route})$$

Total Daily Driving Time for a School Board

$$= \sum (\text{Route-Level Time} \times \text{School Board's Share of a Route})$$

Based on the example above regarding two full-size routes and two mini-size routes, the share of routes, total daily driving distance and total daily driving time attributed to School Board A is determined as per below:

A = Column Header		$A1 = (T3 \div T5)$	$A2 = (A1 \times T1)$	$A3 = (A1 \times T2)$
Route	School Bus Type	Board A's Share of Routes	Total Distance (km)	Total Time (hr)
School Board A – Route #1	Full-Size	0.50	50	1.5
School Board A – Route #2	Full-Size	0.75	112.50	2.625
<i>Full-Size Bus Routes Attributed to School Board A</i>		<i>1.25</i>	<i>162.50</i>	<i>4.125</i>
School Board A – Route #3	Mini-Size	0.50	35	1.25
School Board A – Route #4	Mini-Size	0.75	75	1.875
<i>Mini-Size Bus Routes Attributed to School Board A</i>		<i>1.25</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>3.125</i>
Total School Bus Routes Attributed to School Board A		2.50	272.50	7.25

Similarly, the share of routes, total daily driving time and total daily driving distance attributed to School Board B is determined as per below:

B = Column Header		$B1 = (T4 \div T5)$	$B2 = (B1 \times T1)$	$B3 = (B1 \times T2)$
Route	School Bus Type	Board B's Share of Routes	Total Distance (km)	Total Time (hr)
School Board B – Route #1	Full-Size	0.50	50	1.50
School Board B – Route #2	Full-Size	0.25	37.50	0.875
<i>Full-Size Bus Routes Attributed to School Board B</i>		<i>0.75</i>	<i>87.50</i>	<i>2.375</i>
School Board B – Route #3	Mini-Size	0.50	35	1.25
School Board B – Route #4	Mini-Size	0.25	25	0.625
<i>Mini-Size Bus Routes Attributed to School Board B</i>		<i>0.75</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>1.875</i>
Total School Bus Routes Attributed to School Board B		1.50	147.50	4.25

Note that combining the results of School Board A and School Board B matches the number of routes, daily distance, and time at the consortium level.

	Number of Routes	Total Distance	Total Time
Full-Size Bus Routes Attributed to Board A	1.25	162.50	4.125
Full-Size Bus Routes Attributed to Board B	0.75	87.50	2.375
Consortium - Total Full-Size Bus Routes	2.0	250	6.500

	Number of Routes	Total Distance	Total Time
Mini-Size Bus Routes Attributed to Board A	1.25	110	3.125
Mini-Size Bus Routes Attributed to Board B	0.75	60	1.875
Consortium - Total Mini-Size Bus Routes	2.0	170	5.000

In cases where one school board is a member of multiple consortia, the number of routes, distance and time attributed to the school board from each of the consortium is added to derive the total for the school board.

Vehicle Component

The Vehicle component is intended to cover the annualized cost of purchasing the school bus, as well as the cost associated with operating and licensing the bus.

$$\text{Vehicle} = \text{Capital} + \text{Operating} + \text{Licensing}$$

The per-diem cost for each category is derived from the annualized cost divided by the 191 funded days for the Vehicle component (i.e., sum of 187 operational days and 4 school bus driver practice & training days).

Capital Category

Funding for Capital category includes:

- annual amortized costs associated with the school buses
- costs related to accessories over and above the manufacturing standard (e.g., cameras) and capital repairs

The table below shows the annual and per-diem capital amounts for each school bus type.

School Bus Type	Capital Amount (Annual)	Capital Amount (per diem)
Full-size	\$10,700	\$56.02
Full-size-adapt	\$12,600	\$65.97
Mid-size	\$10,700	\$56.02
Mid-size-adapt	\$12,600	\$65.97
Mini-size	\$7,900	\$41.36
Mini-size-adapt	\$9,300	\$48.69

Funding for Capital category is calculated using following formula:

$$\text{Capital Category} = \text{Capital Amount (per diem)} \times \text{Number of School Bus Routes attributed to the School Board (by School Bus Type)}^1 \times 191 \text{ Days}$$

¹ See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

Operating Category

Funding for Operating category is intended to cover operational costs such as:

- insurance premiums
- regular preventative and routine (wear and tear) repair
- parking
- general administrative costs that can include legal, accounting, communications, office supplies, management wages, IT support

The table below shows the annual and per-diem operating amounts for all school bus types.

School Bus Type	Operating Amount (Annual)	Operating Amount (per diem)
All school bus size	\$13,600	\$71.20

Funding for Operating category is calculated using following formula:

$$\text{Operating Category} = \text{Operating Amount (per diem)} \times \text{Number of School Bus Routes attributed to the School Board (by School Bus Type)}^1 \times 191 \text{ Days}$$

Licensing Category

Funding for Licensing category is intended to cover the cost of license plate registration fees. The table below shows the annual and per-diem licensing amounts for each school bus type.

School Bus Type	Licensing Amount (Annual)	Licensing Amount (per diem)
Full-Size	\$730	\$3.82
Full-Size-Adapt	\$730	\$3.82
Mid-Size	\$450	\$2.36
Mid-Size-Adapt	\$450	\$2.36
Mini-Size	\$240	\$1.26
Mini-Size-Adapt	\$240	\$1.26

¹ See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

Funding for the Licensing category is calculated using following formula:

$$\text{Licensing Category} = \text{Licensing Amount (per diem)} \times \text{Number of School Bus Routes attributed to the School Board (by School Bus Type)}^1 \times 191 \text{ Days}$$

Fuel Component

The Fuel component is intended to cover the cost of fuel associated with delivering school bus services.

This component is made up of three categories:

$$\text{Fuel} = \text{Fuel Base} + \text{Northern Adjustment} + \text{Fuel Price Adjustment}$$

For the purposes of the Fuel component, the Fuel Benchmark Rate is set at \$1.50 per litre (net of Harmonized Sales Tax [HST]).

The Fuel component provides funding for 191 days, including 187 operational days and 4 school bus driver practice & training days.

Fuel Base Category

Fuel Base category is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Fuel Base Category} = \text{Total Daily Driving Distance for School Bus Type (km)}^2 \times \text{Fuel Economy per km for School Bus Type (Table Below)} \times \$1.50 \text{ per Litre}^3 \times 191 \text{ Days}$$

School Bus Type	Fuel Economy per 100 km	Fuel Economy per km
Full-Size	31.9L	0.319L
Full-Size-Adapt	31.9L	0.319L
Mid-Size	27.3L	0.273L
Mid-Size-Adapt	27.7L	0.277L
Mini-Size	22.6L	0.226L
Mini-Size-Adapt	23.5L	0.235L

1 See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

2 See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

3 The Fuel Base category provides funding at a benchmark rate of \$1.50 per litre. Funding adjustment to reflect the actual market price of fuel is captured in the Fuel Price Adjustment category.

Northern Adjustment Category

The Northern Adjustment category is intended to recognize the need for additional fuel to operate school buses in the North (e.g., heating during cold weather days), and applies to school bus routes for northern school boards.

This adjustment provides for an additional 2 litres per 100 km (or 0.02 litre per km) for each northern route.

$$\text{Northern Adjustment Category} = \text{Total Daily Driving Distance (km)}^1 \times 0.02 \text{ Litre per km} \times \$1.50 \text{ per Litre} \times 191 \text{ Days}$$

Fuel Price Adjustment Category

The purpose of the Fuel Price Adjustment category is to align funding with the fluctuating cost of fuel. It operates in the same way as the Fuel Escalator / De-Escalator from prior years.

If the monthly average fuel price, as posted on the Government of Ontario website and net of HST, is above (or below) the fuel benchmark rate of \$1.50, in any month from September to June, a funding adjustment with three-per-cent corridor will apply. Monthly fluctuations in fuel prices within the corridor will not trigger any adjustment.

The Monthly Fuel Price Adjustment Percentage is calculated each month.

If, for any month from September to June, the difference between the average monthly price of fuel² and the Fuel Benchmark Rate is above 3 per cent, the calculation for the Monthly Fuel Price Adjustment Percentage will be as follows:

$$(\text{Average Monthly Price of Fuel} - \$1.50) \div \$1.50 - 0.03$$

If, for any month from September to June, the difference between the average monthly price of fuel and the Fuel Benchmark Rate is below -3 per cent, the calculation for the Monthly Fuel Price Adjustment Percentage will be as follows:

$$(\text{Average Monthly Price of Fuel} - \$1.50) \div \$1.50 + 0.03$$

¹ See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

² Average monthly price of fuel is net of HST and is differentiated between the monthly average price of fuel for northern and southern school boards.

The fuel price adjustment for each month is calculated as follows:

Fuel Price Adjustment Category – Per Month	= (Fuel Base + Northern Adjustment) ÷ 10	×	Monthly Fuel Price Adjustment Percentage
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The adjustment could be positive, thereby resulting in additional funding, if the actual average monthly price is higher than \$1.50 plus the three-per-cent corridor; and the adjustment could be negative if the actual monthly price is lower than \$1.50 minus the three-per-cent corridor.

The Fuel Price Adjustment category for the year is the sum of monthly adjustments applied for each month from September to June of the school year.

School Bus Driver Component

The School Bus Driver component comprises the following three categories:

Driver = Daily Compensation + Retention and Recruitment Bonus + Driver Training

- Daily Compensation covers the costs associated with daily time for driving and non-driving duties. This category includes a provision to ensure minimum of three hours for consortium’s average driver compensation time.
- Retention and Recruitment Bonus supports the retention and recruitment of school bus drivers. This category integrates the School Bus Driver Retention Program from previous school years that was funded outside the GSN.
- Driver Training supports annual training of school bus drivers to improve safety and quality of student transportation services.

Daily Compensation Category

Daily Compensation category includes funding for daily driving time and non-driving duties time such as daily inspection, circle checks, fueling, cleaning as well as the top-up time if needed.

This category recognizes 201 funded days, which includes 187 operational days, 4 school bus driver practice & training days, and 10 additional days for statutory holidays.

For the purpose of the School Bus Driver component, the hourly wage benchmark is \$23, plus an additional 13% for statutory benefits such as Canada Pension Plan,

Employment Insurance, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board contributions. The effective hourly benchmark rate with the statutory benefits (i.e., \$23 + 13%) is equivalent to \$25.99 per hour.

Funding for the Daily Compensation category is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Daily Compensation Category} = \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Total} \\ \text{Daily} \\ \text{Driving} \\ \text{Time}^1 \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Non-} \\ \text{driving} \\ \text{Duties} \\ \text{Time}^2 \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Top-up} \\ \text{Time, if} \\ \text{any}^3 \end{array} \right) \times \begin{array}{l} \$25.99 \\ (\$23/\text{hr} \\ +13\%) \end{array} \times \begin{array}{l} 201 \\ \text{Days} \end{array}$$

Retention and Recruitment Bonus Category

Funding for the retention and recruitment bonus per route is \$2,000, which is similar to the amount previously provided under the School Bus Driver Retention Program.

A school board’s share of Retention and Recruitment Bonus Category is calculated using the following formula:

$$\$2,000 \times \text{Number of Bus Routes attributed to the school board}^4$$

Driver Training Category

In addition to providing four days for school bus driver practice & training, this category provides \$500 per route per year to support the cost of training programs and materials for school bus drivers.

A school board’s share of Driver Training Category is calculated using the following formula:

$$\$500 \times \text{Number of Bus Routes attributed to the School Board}^5$$

1 See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

2 Non-driving Duties Time = 30 minutes (0.5 hours) multiplied by the number of School bus routes for a school board.

3 Top-up Time is provided if the consortium’s average daily driving time plus 0.5 hour is less than 3 hours.

4 See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

5 See section [Determining the Number of School Bus Routes for a School Board](#) for details.

Spare Capacity Component

To minimize disruption of daily services and to improve reliability, the Spare Capacity component provides funding for spare vehicles and spare school-bus drivers that may be needed to cover bus routes where a bus or a driver may not be available.

Spare Capacity component comprises the following two categories:

$$\text{Spare Capacity} = \text{Spare Bus} + \text{Spare Driver}$$

Spare Bus Category

Funding for Spare Bus category is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Spare Bus Category} = 5\% \times (\text{Operating Category} + \text{Licensing Category})$$

Spare Driver Category

Funding for Spare Driver category is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Spare Driver Category} = 5\% \times \text{School Bus Driver Component}$$

Public Transit Amount

The Public Transit amount is provided to encourage the use of public transit for secondary students where services are available and is based on the number of students assigned to public transit as per eligibility criteria noted above.

The Public Transit amount for each school board is calculated using following formula:

$$\text{Public Transit Amount} = \text{Number of Students of the School Board Assigned to Public Transit} \times \text{Per-Student Funding Amount}$$

The per-student funding amount is based on local transit fares and is the lesser of:

- (a) The cost of monthly transit passes \times 10 months
- or
- (b) The cost of daily transit tickets \times 2 (to support travel from home-to-school and school-to-home) \times 187 operational days

Local Priorities and Operations Amount

The Local Priorities and Operations amount is to support local operational decisions based on unique circumstances and needs. It comprises the following four components:

- Board component
- Enrolment component
- Rural and Northern Adjustment component
- Special Transportation Needs component

Board Component

Each school board is provided a base amount of \$250,000.

Enrolment Component

School board funding for the Enrolment component is calculated based on the school board's ADE, as follows:

School Board Enrolment (ADE)	Enrolment Component
$0 < \text{ADE} \leq 2,500$	$\$200 \times \text{ADE}$
$2,500 < \text{ADE} \leq 5,000$	$\$500,000 + [\$150 \times (\text{ADE} - 2,500)]$
$\text{ADE} > 5,000$	$\$875,000 + [\$20 \times (\text{ADE} - 5,000)]$

Rural and Northern Adjustment Component

The Local Priorities and Operations Amount includes an adjustment to further support student transportation for rural and northern communities. A school board's Rural and Northern Adjustment component is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Enrolment component} \times (\text{Rural Density Factor} + \text{Rural Density Ratio}) \div 2$$

Each school board's Rural Density Factor and Rural Density Ratio are set out in the GSN regulation. It is also used in the Geographic Circumstance Grant.

Special Transportation Needs Component

Additional funding is provided for transportation of students with special transportation needs (STN). The Special Transportation Needs component is calculated as follows:

$$\text{School Board's Number of Eligible STN Students} \times \$500$$

The number of eligible STN students is derived from the routing simulation of the consortium which services the school boards. Note that a school board's number of eligible STN students includes both:

- STN students who meet the distance eligibility threshold
- Students who do not meet the distance eligibility threshold but are designated as STN students.

Transition Amount

Transitional supports are provided to school boards to ensure that school boards do not experience a decline in funding due to the release of the new funding model.

In order to make the 2023–24 Student Transportation Grant comparable to the 2022–23 Grant, a number of adjustments have to be made, including re-calculating the 2023–24 Student Transportation Grant using the 2022–23 fuel benchmark rates (also referred to as the pegged rate).

The table below shows how the Transition amount for each school board is calculated.

	2022-23 Student Transportation Grant	2023-24 Student Transportation Grant
Step 1:	2022-23 Student Transportation Grant Less: School Bus Rider Safety Training Allocation Less: Transportation for Provincial or Demonstration Schools Allocation	2023-24 Student Transportation Grant Less: School Bus Rider Safety Training Allocation Less: Transportation for Provincial or Demonstration Schools Allocation
Step 2:	Less: Fuel Escalator/De-escalator	Less: Fuel Price Adjustment Category
Step 3: Adjustment to Reflect Change in Fuel Benchmark Rate	N/A (Fuel Benchmark Rate was \$0.936/L for south school boards and \$0.957/L for northern school boards)	$C^1 \times (\text{Fuel Base} + \text{Northern Adjustment})$
Total	A	B

1 $C = 0.376$ for southern school boards, which is calculated by $(\$1.50 - \$0.936) \div \$1.50$

$C = 0.361$ for northern school boards, which is calculated by $(\$1.50 - \$0.957) \div \$1.50$

Transition amount = Max (0, A – B)

The Transportation Services Allocation is projected to be \$1,225.8 million in 2023–24.

School Bus Rider Safety Training Allocation

The ministry is continuing to provide funding to school boards that access standardized school bus rider safety training through a contract established by the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM). Funding is intended to reflect safety training for up to 50 per cent of elementary students in each school board.

Funding to individual school boards will be based on the actual number of on-site and online training sessions conducted as reported through financial reports, with the reimbursement rates for on-site and online training session at \$370 and \$244 respectively, subject to the maximum amount listed for each school board for safety training as set out in GSN regulation.

The School Bus Rider Safety Training Allocation is projected to be up to \$1.7 million in 2023–24.

Transportation to Provincial or Demonstration Schools Allocation

Funding to cover expenses for transportation to Provincial and Demonstration schools continues to be provided based on expenses reported by school boards, as approved by the ministry.

The Transportation to Provincial or Demonstration Schools Allocation is projected to be up to \$5.7 million in 2023–24.

Declining Enrolment Adjustment

The Declining Enrolment Adjustment (DEA) provides school boards with transitional support recognizing that it takes time for school boards to adjust their cost structures to reflect declines in enrolment.

Over half of a school board's revenue is determined by enrolment. However, school board costs do not decline in a way that is directly proportional to declining enrolment. Some costs can be adjusted easily (e.g., rearranging the placement of classroom teachers to reduce costs), whereas other costs cannot be adjusted as quickly.

The DEA comprises the following two components:

- First-Year component – \$17.5 million
- Second-Year component – \$3.6 million

The DEA is projected to be \$21.1 million in 2023–24.

First-Year Component

For a school board where the 2023–24 ADE is lower than the 2022–23 ADE, the First-Year component of the DEA is based on the difference between the revenue calculated under the current year's enrolment and the projected revenue in the current year if there had been no change in enrolment from the previous year.

The First-Year component is equal to

$\max [0, A - B]$, where:

A is the sum of the product of the weighting factors and eligible grants, listed in the table below, using 2023–24 benchmarks and 2022–23 ADE; and

B is the sum of the product of the weighting factors and eligible grants, listed in the table below, using 2023–24 benchmarks and 2023–24 ADE:

Weighting Factor	Grants
13% x	Pupil Foundation Grant
100% x	SEPPA Allocation of the Special Education Grant
100% x	FFL Allocation of the Language Grant
50% x	Remote and Rural Allocation of the Geographic Circumstances Grant
50% x	Board Administration Allocation of the School Board Administration and Governance Grant
100% x	School Operations Allocation of the School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant

NOTES: For FFL, start-up funding for new elementary schools is excluded. For School Operations, the following amounts are excluded: funding for capital lease amount on School Authority Amalgamation, Community Use of Schools, Non-Instructional Spaces Allocation, and CPC Amount.

The First-Year component is projected to be \$17.5 million in 2023–24.

Second-Year Component

The calculation of the Second-Year component is equal to 25 per cent of a school board's 2022–23 First-Year component.

The Second-Year component is projected to be \$3.6 million in 2023–24.

School Board Administration and Governance Grant

The School Board Administration and Governance Grant provides funding for administration and governance costs such as operating school board offices and central facilities, school board-based staff and expenses, including supervisory officers and their administrative support.

The School Board Administration and Governance Grant comprises the following 11 allocations:

- Trustees Allocation – \$11.5 million
- Reporting Entity Project Allocation – \$6.7 million
- Internal Audit Allocation – \$5.2 million
- External Audit Allocation – \$0.8 million
- Board Administration Allocation – \$611.9 million
- Executive Compensation Allocation for 2017–18 Increases – \$3.9 million
- Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation – \$4.4 million
- Central Employer Bargaining Agency Fees Allocation – \$6.1 million
- School Authorities Amalgamation Adjustment – \$0.6 million
- Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) Local Capacity Building Allocation – \$3.2 million
- Demographic Data Gathering Allocation – \$2.5 million

Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The School Board Administration and Governance Grant is projected to be \$656.8 million in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Internal Audit Allocation Update

The West of Central Regional Internal Audit Team (RIAT), previously administered by Waterloo Region DSB, will now be administered by Hamilton-Wentworth DSB.

See “Internal Audit Allocation” in this section of the document.

External Audit Capacity

Funding of \$0.8 million to enhance school boards' external auditors' capacity is being provided through a new External Audit Allocation. This new funding is intended for school boards to engage external auditors, whose functions will include:

- enhancing the ministry's enrolment audit accountability function
- performing staffing FTE compliance audits to enhance accountability of the Benefits Trusts Allocation

The External Audit Allocation comprises two amounts:

- Enrolment Audit amount: supports the cost of an enrolment audit, based on a cyclical approach of approximately six school boards per year.
- Staffing FTE Audit amount: supports the costs of a staffing FTE compliance audit (i.e., Appendix H in EFIS), based on a cyclical approach of approximately 15 school boards per year.

See “External Audit Allocation” in this section of the document.

Transfer of Funding for Demographic Data Gathering from PPF to GSN

Funding of \$2.5 million is moving from PPF into the School Board Administration and Governance Grant as a new Demographic Data Gathering Allocation to support school board capacity to collect, analyze, and use voluntary student and workforce demographic data. This capacity enables school boards to pinpoint and address disparities in student achievement as well as in employment practices, increasing accountability to their communities.

Funding through the Demographic Data Gathering Allocation includes a base amount per school board of \$30,702.00 and a per-pupil amount of \$0.16.

Any additional reporting requirements outside of EFIS and OnSIS will be requested by the Education Equity Secretariat of the ministry through a provincial accountability tool.

See “Demographic Data Gathering Allocation” in this section of the document.

Trustees Allocation

Trustee Honoraria

Ontario Regulation 357/06, *Honoraria for Board Members*, provides a formula which establishes the maximum honorarium that a board member may receive. The

Trustees Allocation, which is based on the number of trustees, supports trustee honoraria, expenses, meeting costs, and professional development (e.g., conferences).

Under the funding approach prior to 2006, the funding was calculated as follows:

Amount	Description
\$5,000	per trustee (including chair) for a trustee honorarium
\$5,000	per trustee (including chair) for travel and expense allowance, professional development, and other costs
\$10,000	per board as additional honoraria for the chair and vice-chair

In 2006, the ministry amended the formula. Under the new formula for calculating trustee remuneration, the honoraria and expense costs are calculated as follows:

Amount	Description
base amount (\$5,900) + attendance amount (\$1,200) that assumes attendance at two committees of the board per month, which are required under the <i>Education Act</i>	per trustee (including chair and vice-chair) for trustee honoraria and attendance amount
amount (\$5,000) for chair + amount of (\$2,500) for vice-chair	per board as additional honoraria for the chair and vice-chair
distance amount (\$1,800) for school boards with a jurisdiction greater than 9,000 square kilometres (as listed in Ontario Regulation 412/00, <i>Elections to and Representation on District School Boards</i>) or school boards with a dispersal factor greater than 25 as set out in Table 5 of Ontario Regulation 412/00. Funding assumes travel to two committees of the board per month, required under the <i>Education Act</i> , as well as travel to one board meeting per month.	per trustee (including chair and vice-chair) for distance amount

Amount	Description
enrolment amount ($\$1.75 \times \text{ADE} \div$ the number of trustees excluding First Nation and student trustees) NOTE: First Nation trustees receive an amount equivalent to the enrolment amount received by the non-First Nation trustees, but should not be included in the overall count of trustees for the purposes of calculating each trustee's enrolment amount)	per trustee (including chair) for trustee honoraria
enrolment amount ($\$0.05 \times \text{ADE}$, with a minimum amount of \$500 and a maximum amount of \$5,000)	per board as additional honorarium for the chair
enrolment amount ($\$0.025 \times \text{ADE}$, with a minimum amount of \$250 and a maximum amount of \$2,500)	per board as additional honorarium for the vice-chair
expenses (\$5,000 for travel and expense allowance, professional development, and other costs)	per trustee (including chair and vice-chair)

The ministry funds the full trustee honorarium calculated under the old method, plus 50 per cent of the incremental cost between the new and old methods of calculating trustee honoraria, calculated as follows:

Pre-2006 honorarium model, funded at 100% +
difference between pre-2006 model and current model, funded at 50%

School boards will continue to provide for any additional costs.

Student Trustee Honoraria

Ontario Regulation 7/07, *Student Trustees*, supplements the rights and responsibilities given to student trustees under the *Education Act*. The regulation requires district school boards to have at least two, and not more than three, student trustees. School boards pay an honorarium of \$2,500 to each student trustee and provide student trustees with the same access to funding for expenses and professional development as the other trustees.

The student honoraria and expense costs are calculated as follows:

Amount	Description
\$2,500	per student trustee for trustee honorarium, based on the actual number of student trustees per board
\$5,000	per student trustee for travel and expense allowance, professional development, and other costs

Using the same approach as for the honoraria provisions for other trustees, the ministry funds 50 per cent of the cost of student trustee honoraria.

The Trustees Allocation is projected to be \$11.5 million in 2023–24.

Reporting Entity Project Allocation

Funding for the Reporting Entity Project supports school boards with the costs of preparing and reporting financial information to the Province for the purpose of public accounts consolidation.

Since 2005–06, the ministry has been working with school boards to ensure that all financial information required for consolidation purposes is accurately collected, prepared, and reported. This has resulted in the following reporting requirements for school boards:

- a March reporting cycle corresponding with the government fiscal year end
- specified audit procedures that ensure the accuracy of the financial information reported

The Reporting Entity Project Allocation is determined using the following two components:

Description	Amount
Base amount per school board	\$58,708
Per-pupil amount	\$1.23

The Reporting Entity Project Allocation is projected to be \$6.7 million in 2023–24.

Internal Audit Allocation

The Internal Audit Allocation supports school boards' financial transparency and accountability through a regional internal audit team (RIAT) model. Each school board is supported by one of eight RIATs, based on location. This model promotes sharing

of best practices in internal audit and risk management activities and ensures efficient and equitable distribution of resources within the sector. Funding is allocated to one school board in each of the eight RIATs to oversee the administrative requirements on behalf of all district school boards within the RIAT, as outlined in the table below.

The funding is enveloped to support internal audit activities in each region. Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

The Internal Audit Allocation is excluded from the school board administration and governance enveloping provision and is not counted toward the school board administration spending maximum.

Internal Audit Amounts

The Internal Audit Allocation generates funding based on the sum of two amounts:

- Staff salary and benefits amount
- Other expenses amount, including travel and non-salary costs

Staff salary and benefits amount:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \$259,294 \text{ per region} + \\
 & (\text{Total Average Revenue of Region} / \text{Total Average Revenue of Province}) \times \\
 & \$2,333,646
 \end{aligned}$$

Other expenses amount:

$$(\text{Total km}^2 \text{ in Region} / \text{Total km}^2 \text{ in Province}) \times \$750,000$$

Each RIAT's projected Internal Audit revenue share is set out in the GSN regulation.

RIAT	School Boards
Toronto & Area RIAT, administered by York Catholic DSB	Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB
	Peel DSB
	Toronto Catholic DSB
	Toronto DSB
	York Catholic DSB
	York Region DSB
South RIAT, administered by Thames Valley DSB	Avon Maitland DSB
	Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic DSB
	Grand Erie DSB
	Greater Essex County DSB

RIAT	School Boards
	Huron Perth Catholic DSB
	Lambton Kent DSB
	London District Catholic School Board
	St. Clair Catholic DSB
	Thames Valley DSB
	Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB
West of Central RIAT, administered by Hamilton- Wentworth DSB	DSB of Niagara
	Halton Catholic DSB
	Halton DSB
	Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB
	Hamilton-Wentworth DSB
	Niagara Catholic DSB
	Upper Grand DSB
	Waterloo Catholic DSB
	Waterloo Region DSB
Wellington Catholic DSB	
Ontario East RIAT, administered by Ottawa Catholic DSB	Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB
	Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario
	Hastings and Prince Edward DSB
	Limestone DSB
	Ottawa-Carleton DSB
	Ottawa Catholic DSB
	Renfrew County Catholic DSB
	Renfrew County DSB
	Upper Canada DSB
Barrie RIAT, administered by Simcoe County DSB	Bluewater DSB
	Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB
	Durham Catholic DSB
	Durham DSB
	Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB
	Peterborough Victoria Northumberland Clarington Catholic DSB
	Simcoe County DSB
	Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB
	Trillium Lakelands DSB
Northeastern Ontario RIAT, administered by Sudbury Catholic DSB	Algoma DSB
	DSB Ontario North East
	Huron-Superior Catholic DSB
	Near North DSB
	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB
	Northeastern Catholic DSB
	Rainbow DSB
	Sudbury Catholic DSB
Keewatin-Patricia DSB	

RIAT	School Boards
Northwestern Ontario RIAT, administered by Thunder Bay Catholic DSB	Kenora Catholic DSB
	Lakehead DSB
	Northwest Catholic DSB
	Rainy River DSB
	Superior-Greenstone DSB
	Superior North Catholic DSB
	Thunder Bay Catholic DSB
French-language RIAT, administered by CSDC du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario
	CS catholique MonAvenir
	CS catholique Providence
	CSDC de l'Est ontarien
	CSDC des Aurores boréales
	CSDC des Grandes Rivières
	CSDC du Centre-Est de l'Ontario
	CSDC du Nouvel-Ontario
	CSDC Franco-Nord
	CSP du Nord-Est de l'Ontario
	CSP du Grand Nord de l'Ontario
	CS Viamonde

The Internal Audit Allocation is projected to be \$5.2 million in 2023–24.

External Audit Allocation

The new External Audit Allocation is provided to enhance and complement the ministry's existing audit accountability function. This funding, provided through two amounts, enables school boards to engage external auditors to perform enrolment audits and staffing FTE compliance audits.

Enrolment Audit Amount

Starting in 2023–24, school boards will receive annual funding to support the cost of an enrolment audit, based on a cyclical approach of approximately six school boards per year.

The current year funding is \$2,000 per school board plus an additional amount, which is calculated using the table below. Funding is based on the overall number of secondary/combined schools at the school board.

Number of Secondary/Combined Schools¹	Additional Amount
1 to 5	\$1,250
6 to 10	\$2,500
11 to 20	\$3,750
21 to 30	\$5,000
31 or more	\$6,250

School board selection for enrolment audit and requirements/parameters, including the sample of schools to be selected for audit, are set out by the Financial Analysis & Accountability Branch of the ministry each school year.

Staffing FTE Audit Amount

Starting in 2023–24, school boards will receive annual funding to support the costs of a staffing FTE compliance audit (i.e., Appendix H in EFIS), based on a cyclical approach of approximately 15 school boards per year.

The current year funding is \$5,629 per school board.

School board selection for staffing FTE compliance audit and requirements/parameters are set out by the Financial Analysis & Accountability Branch of the ministry each school year.

The External Audit Allocation is projected to be \$0.8 million in 2023–24.

Board Administration Allocation

The Ten Core Functions

While funding is generated for each of the ten core functions, the funding that school boards receive is not enveloped, and school boards are not required to match expenses to funding by core function.

Under this allocation model, school boards have the flexibility to allocate a portion of certain GSN grants and other non-GSN revenue sources to support school board administration expenses.

¹ Based on the definition of a school used in the School Foundation Grant

1. **Director of Education function:** This allocation supports salary and benefits for the director of education.
2. **Senior Administration function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for associate directors, superintendents, senior business officials and other senior supervisory officers who report to the director of education. The cost driver for this allocation is ADE and dispersion, which recognizes the higher administrative costs incurred by some geographically extensive school boards.
3. **Director's Office function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for direct administrative support for the director of education and any other senior executives, including associate directors, superintendents, senior business officials and other senior supervisory officers. The cost driver for this allocation is the number of funded senior executives by the allocation model. Since the director's office staff provide support to senior executives, the number of funded senior executives is a proxy for the need for direct administrative support and is determined by the Senior Administration function.
4. **Human Resources (HR) function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for staff responsible for the management of employee files, recruitment, calculation of employee wages, labour relations, performance management, benefits, learning and development, attendance management, and staffing allocation. The cost driver for this allocation is the number of T4 statements that the school board is required to complete, over the course of the fiscal year, for income purposes in respect of the 2023 calendar year. This driver recognizes the workload of all HR staff.
5. **Finance function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for staff responsible for budgeting and planning, accounting, financial reporting and analysis, treasury management, non-grant revenue / receivables, and transaction processing. The cost driver for this allocation is ADE and number of municipalities, which recognizes the additional costs incurred by school boards that are required to interact with a large number of municipalities and other local governing agencies. Additional funding is provided to a school board with 20 or more municipalities within its jurisdiction. In addition, the function includes funding for capital administration to recognize the costs incurred by school boards in managing their capital projects.
6. **Payroll function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for staff responsible for processing periodic pay cheques, reconciliation, withholding taxes, updating vacation and sick pay. The cost driver for this allocation is the number of T4 statements that the school board is required to complete, over the course of the fiscal year, for income purposes in respect of the 2023 calendar year. This driver recognizes the workload of all payroll staff.

7. **Purchasing and Procurement function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for staff responsible for determining purchasing needs, selecting suppliers, ensuring compliance with procurement directives, negotiating prices and follow-up. The cost driver for this allocation is ADE.
8. **Administration and Other Supports function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for staff responsible for data collection and reporting, research, communications, community and government relations, office services, reception, and other functions, which are not captured under any of the other core functions. The cost driver for this allocation is ADE.
9. **Information Technology function:** This allocation supports the cost of the salaries and benefits for staff responsible for delivering a number of information technology (IT) services and supports to school boards and would include infrastructure services, student information systems, application support and design and desktop support. The cost driver for this allocation is the funded number of school board administration staff by the allocation model. As IT staff serve the needs of other staff, total funded school board staff is a proxy for the software users (e.g., payroll, accounting, HR, e-mail). Therefore, the IT allocation is indirectly determined by all the other drivers from the previous eight core functions.

Note: The IT function excludes IT costs that are school/classroom based such as hardware and software used for instructional purposes or centralized attendance system costs that are charged back to schools.
10. **Non-Staff function:** This allocation supports the cost of non-staff expenses. The formula has a base amount per school board and an amount per ADE. In addition, this function could cover the costs of dues to stakeholder organizations, including trustees' associations, as well as support staff costs for trustees.

Compensation Benchmarks

The Directors of Education, Senior Administration, Director's Office and the Information Technology functions each have separate compensation benchmarks. The remaining core functions, except the Non-Staff function, share common compensation benchmarks. These benchmarks apply to all school boards and reflect the median actual average salaries and benefits reported by school boards. The formula does not prescribe staffing levels or the mixture of staffing categories (e.g., managers, professional staff, clerical/technical staff) for school boards.

The following table provides the detailed formulas for each core function described above.

Core Function	Driver	Formula	Salary (including benefits)
Directors	None	1	\$201,674.14 ¹
Other Senior Admin (Funded Senior Executives (FSE))	ADE & Dispersion (D)	1.6802 + 0.1334/1000 x ADE + (0 for (D) up to the first 20 km + 0.007762/1000 x ADE x (D – 20) for D above 20 km up to 50 km + 0.003881/1000 x ADE x (D – 50) for D above 50 km)	\$166,635.88 ¹
Director's Office	# of Funded Senior Executives (FSE)	2.5601 + 0.60493 x # of FSE	\$74,068.61
Human Resources	T4s	MAX (0, -0.1084 + 2.308/1000 x # of T4s)	\$86,310.85
Finance	ADE & # Municipalities (M)	3.4333 + 0.1910/1000 x ADE + (0 for the first 20 M + 0.02156 FTE per M above 20)	\$86,310.85
Payroll	T4s	MAX (0, -0.4720 + 1.1834/1000 x T4s)	\$86,310.85
Purchasing and Procurement	ADE	0.8915 + 0.07406/1000 x ADE	\$86,310.85
Admin and Other	ADE	MAX (1, -1.6828 + 0.6639/1000 x ADE)	\$86,310.85
Information Technology	# of Funded Board Administration (FBA) staff	0.9453 + 0.08907 x FBA	\$107,454.58
Non-Staff	ADE	\$156,648 + \$64.79 x ADE	n/a

NOTE: Pension plan contributions for eligible members of the OTPP are matched by the government and are not included in the benefits benchmarks.

The Board Administration Allocation is projected to be \$611.9 million in 2023–24.

¹ Additional funding is provided through the Executive Compensation Allocation for 2017–18 Increases.

Executive Compensation Allocation for 2017–18 Increases

The funding supports costs related to executive compensation for salary increases in 2017–18 for designated executives. The compensation restraint measures set out under the current Compensation Framework Regulation (O. Reg. 406/18) remain in effect until a new approach to executive compensation has been put in place.

The allocation is equal to the sum of the following amounts:

- **Envelope Amount:** the amount is based on each school board's 2016–17 salary and performance-related pay envelope and approved maximum rate of increase in its executive compensation program for the 2017–18 school year. Each school board's amount is set out in the GSN regulation.
- **Adjustment Amount:** this amount provides an adjustment to account for increases already funded through GSN salary benchmarks in respect of salary increases in 2017–18 for supervisory officers. This is calculated using the following formula:

$$\$-2,219 \times (A + B \times C/D + E)$$

up to a maximum reduction of 30% of the envelope amount, where:

A = Number of Funded Senior Executives from the Board Administration Allocation

B = The amount that is multiplied by the supervisory officer benchmark in the Salary & Benefits component of the PLG excluding the amount generated by the Indigenous Education Lead (IEL)

C = Actual PLG allocation excluding the amount for the IEL+ MAX(IEL Expenses – Maximum Funding PLG funding generated by the IEL,0)

D = Maximum PLG allocation excluding the amount for the IEL

E = If IEL expenses > 0, then 1; otherwise 0.5

The Executive Compensation Allocation for 2017–18 Increases is projected to be \$3.9 million in 2023–24.

Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation (Including Indigenous-Focused Curriculum)

The Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation is designed to support the implementation of new or recently revised curriculum and assessment policies, including Indigenous-focused curriculum, and related training and resource development for educators and system leaders. The funding is based on fixed amounts, where combined elementary and secondary schools generate funding for each panel, calculated as follows:

\$20,551.47 per school board + (\$612.44 per school)

The Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation is excluded from the school board administration and governance enveloping provision and is not counted toward the board administration spending maximum.

The Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation is projected to be \$4.4 million in 2023–24.

Central Employer Bargaining Agency Fees Allocation

Under the *SBCBA*, trustees' associations are the statutory central employer bargaining agencies for school boards in central negotiations with teacher and education worker unions.

School boards are provided with the funding equivalent to the fees payable to their respective trustees' association to support labour relations activities. The trustees' associations will use these fees solely for the purpose of central labour relations activities, including preparing for central bargaining, participating in the central bargaining process itself, and the implementation and ongoing maintenance of collective agreements. Eligible expenses include staffing positions for central negotiations, labour-related travel and accommodation, and other operating expenses.

Calculating Maximum Revenue Available for Trustees' Associations

The following table provides the formula that generates each trustees' association's maximum 2023–24 revenue collected through fees payable by school boards.

Expense Category	Driver	Formula
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary (including benefits) benchmarks • Number of bargaining/discussion tables 	(1 FTE x Director Salary and Benefits Benchmark) + (1 FTE x Other Senior Admin. Salary and Benefits Benchmark) + [(# teacher tables + 1 principal/vice-principal table) x 1.5 contract FTE + # of education worker tables x 0.5 contract FTE] x Admin and Other Salary and Benefits Benchmark
Operating Expenses (e.g., rent, equipment, and professional fees)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of bargaining/discussion tables 	\$204,600 + (# of tables x \$46,547) + an additional \$179,025 for English-language trustees' associations only
Labour Related Travel, Meals, and Accommodation	Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of bargaining/discussion tables 	# of tables x \$4,000 x (1.25 for French-language trustees' associations only)
	Meals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Public Service daily meal rate • Number of bargaining/discussion tables 	2.0 FTE x 30 days x # of tables x \$45/day
	Accommodation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of bargaining/discussion tables 	2.0 FTE x 15 days x # of tables x \$200/day

NOTE: A “table” refers to either the central tables as defined under the *SBCBA* or the provincial discussion table for principals and vice-principals.

Calculation of Fees Payable by School Boards

This section describes the calculation used to determine the fees payable by school boards to their respective trustees' association.

The 2023–24 fee payable and equivalent funding amount is calculated for each school board as follows. Where:

(a) is the 2022–23 maximum annual revenue
and

(b) is the total of 2022–23 expense plus 5% of 2022–23 maximum annual revenue

- If (a) was less than (b), the 2023–24 fee payable by the school board is equal to the 2023–24 maximum fee (shown below).
- If (a) was greater than (b), the 2023–24 fee payable by the school board is equal to the 2023–24 maximum fee minus the school board's share of the difference between (a) and (b).

As per the *Fees for Central Bargaining* Regulation under the *SBCBA*, each trustees' association must submit their 2022–23 audited financial statement outlining total expenses by November 15, 2023, and the fee payable by the school board and related funding will be adjusted accordingly.

The maximum fee amounts for school boards are as follows:

School Board Type	# of School Boards	Maximum Fee for Each School Board ¹	TOTAL
English Public District School Board	31	\$58,745	\$1,821,083
English Catholic District School Board	29	\$56,599	\$1,641,370
French Public District School Board	4	\$315,635	\$1,262,541
French Catholic District School Board	8	\$170,743	\$1,365,943
School Authority Hospital Board	5 ²	\$1,000	\$5,000
School Authority Isolate Board	4	\$1,000	\$4,000
	81	n/a	\$6,099,938

¹ Funding for each school board in 2023–24 will be equivalent to the fees payable for 2023–24.

² Excludes the CHEO School Authority

The Central Employer Bargaining Agency Fees Allocation is projected to be a maximum of \$6.1 million in 2023–24.

School Authorities Amalgamation

The School Authorities Amalgamation Adjustment represents the difference between the projected 2009–10 School Authority Allocation (i.e., the projected allocation that would have been received by the school authority pre-amalgamation in account of that school year) and the projected post-amalgamation funding impact for the receiving district school board. A positive adjustment will be added to the school board's School Board Administration and Governance Grant allocation, if applicable. Where the GSN provides greater funding than that generated by the school authorities model, no adjustment to the school board's School Board Administration and Governance Grant allocation will be made.

The School Authorities Amalgamation Adjustment is projected to be \$0.6 million in 2023–24.

Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA) Local Capacity Building Allocation

Funding for MISA Local Capacity Building is intended for activities to help school boards build capacity and better manage information and evidence to inform school board decisions around school administration and classroom practice. Through this funding, MISA Leaders are better positioned to support the collection and effective use of data to meet/support key ministry initiatives.

The funding is based on a fixed amount of \$35,000 for each school board and \$0.35 per ADE.

The MISA Local Capacity Building Allocation is projected to be \$3.2 million in 2023–24.

Demographic Data Gathering Allocation

Funding for the Demographic Data Gathering Allocation supports school board capacity to collect, analyze, and use voluntary student and workforce demographic data on social identities that are related to the protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code. This allows school boards to identify and address disparities in student achievement and in employment practices. Reliable data supports effective decision-making and helps school boards to be responsive and accountable to the families, students, staff and to the wider communities they serve.

This funding also supports school boards to meet their obligations under the *Anti-Racism Act, 2017* regulations to collect voluntary student race-based data and comply with the Data Standards for the Identification and Monitoring of Systemic Racism (known as Anti-Racism Data Standards).

Funding is calculated as follows:

$$\$30,702.00 + (\$0.16 \text{ per ADE})$$

Any additional reporting requirements outside of EFIS and OnSIS will be requested by the Education Equity Secretariat of the ministry through a provincial accountability tool.

The Demographic Data Gathering Allocation is projected to be \$2.5 million in 2023–24.

School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant

The School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant addresses the costs of operating school facilities (heating, lighting, maintaining, and cleaning) as well as the costs of repairing and renovating schools.

The School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant comprises two major allocations:

- School Operations Allocation – \$2.33 billion
- School Renewal Allocation – \$375.1 million

The total School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant is projected to be \$2.71 billion in 2023–24.

New in 2023–24

Increase to the Benchmark for Operating Costs

There is a 2 per cent cost update to the non-staff portion of the benchmark for operating costs in the School Operations Allocation to assist school boards in managing the increases in commodity prices (i.e., electricity, natural gas, facility insurance, and other costs).

Supplementary Area Factor

This is the final year of the five-year phase-in of updates to the Supplementary Area Factor, for base school facility operations within the School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant, to reflect a secondary class size of 23.

Asset Management Software Funding

School boards are provided with this funding to offset the cost of licensing and related fees associated with the approved software that supports the implementation of effective renewal programs and track school condition over time. An update on this funding will be provided at a later point in time.

School Operations Allocation

The School Operations Allocation addresses the costs of operating school facilities (heating, lighting, maintaining, cleaning). It is the sum of the following seven components:

- Base School Operations – \$2.19 billion
- Enhanced Top-up for School Operations – \$102.2 million
- Community Use of Schools Amount – \$29.0 million
- Capital Lease Amount on School Authority Amalgamation – \$0.1 million
- Education and Community Partnership Program (ECP) Operations Amount – \$1.9 million
- Capital Planning Capacity (CPC) Amount – \$8.3 million
- Non-instructional Spaces Amount – \$42,000

The School Operations Allocation is projected to be \$2.33 billion in 2023–24. Key components for this allocation are in the following table:

School Operations Allocation – Key Components			
Component	Elementary Panel	Secondary Panel	Adult Education / Other Programs
Enrolment	Day-School ADE of pupils enrolled in junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 8.	Day-School ADE of pupils enrolled in Grades 9 through 12, excluding students 21 years of age and older.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-School ADE of pupils 21 years of age or older, high-credit portion of pupils in secondary school. • ADE of pupils enrolled in continuing education credit courses during the day (excluding pupils enrolled in correspondence self-study/online learning programs). • ADE of pupils enrolled in summer school programs.

School Operations Allocation – Key Components			
Component	Elementary Panel	Secondary Panel	Adult Education / Other Programs
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved spaces in care, treatment and custody programs that operate in school board-owned space are treated as continuing education.
On the Ground Capacity (OTG)	The ministry has identified categories of instructional space for all elementary and secondary facilities of a school board using the Report of the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (August 1998). A loading has been assigned to each category of instructional space identified, based on the number of pupils that can reasonably be accommodated in each category of instructional space. The sum of all the loading in the instructional space within a facility is its capacity.		N/A
Benchmark Area Requirement per Pupil (fixed)	9.7 m ²	12.07 m ²	9.29 m ²
	The Benchmark Area Requirement per Pupil provides sufficient teaching and ancillary space to permit the effective delivery of elementary school programming (including primary class size), and secondary school programming. It also provides additional space required to accommodate the typical distribution of special education, learning opportunities and language (e.g., ESL) programming.		The Benchmark Area Requirement for Adult Education and Other Programs is lower than the traditional secondary school panel because no additional space is required for special needs programs.

School Operations Allocation – Key Components			
Component	Elementary Panel	Secondary Panel	Adult Education / Other Programs
Supplementary Area Factor (SAF)	<p>The school board-specific SAF recognizes unique design features of a board’s school facilities such as wide hallways, large shop spaces, and auditorium space, as well as the additional space requirement associated with special needs programming.</p> <p>Each school board has an elementary and secondary SAF that is greater than or equal to an adjustment factor of 1.0 (the secondary SAF is used for adult education/other programs).</p> <p>Each school board’s SAFs are set out in the GSN regulation.</p>		
Benchmark for Operating Costs	Allocation method benchmark for operating costs: \$98.84/m ²		

Adjustment Factor Calculations

School board specific adjustment factors reflect data available in the School Facility Inventory System (SFIS) as of September 2, 2014, and March 8, 2019.

Weighted School Age

For the purposes of calculating the SAF and the school renewal cost benchmark (i.e., over/under 20 benchmarks), the ministry determines a weighted average age for each school to better reflect a school’s age. The age of the original building and all permanent additions are weighted by their respective gross floor area. The following example demonstrates how the weighted average ages are calculated.

Example: School Age Calculation			
Construction History	Age	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Age x GFA
Original Construction	40	1,000	40,000
Addition	20	1,500	30,000
Addition	10	3,000	30,000
Demolition	40	-500	-20,000
Addition	2	500	1,000
Total		5,500	81,000
Weighted Average Age		81,000/5,500 = 14.73	

Supplementary Area Factor (SAF)

A school board's SAF is determined by comparing its area per pupil, per panel, with the benchmark area per pupil of 9.7m² for elementary and 12.07m² for secondary. If the school board's area per pupil is less than the benchmark, it is deemed to have an SAF of 1.0. To calculate a school board's area per pupil, the total adjusted gross floor area (GFA) by panel is divided by the total on-the-ground capacity.

To determine a school board's total adjusted GFA, schools with a weighted average age of 10 years or less are subject to adjustment to reflect the construction area benchmarks introduced in 2000. This adjustment reflects that school boards should have been building their schools to these ministry construction benchmarks. The area per pupil calculation for these schools is adjusted to reflect the lesser of the school's actual area per pupil or the variable construction area benchmarks introduced in memorandum 2011:B6.

The following subsets of schools are exempted from an adjustment to their floor areas:

- Elementary schools with a capacity of less than 200 pupil places
- Secondary schools with a capacity of less than 300 pupil places
- Elementary schools where the variable benchmark is less than the fixed area per pupil of 9.7m²
- Secondary schools where the variable benchmark is less than the fixed benchmark area per pupil of 12.07m²

For the first two items, the actual GFA is used, as the ministry does not have a construction area benchmark for schools below the specified capacity threshold. For the last two items, the GFA is adjusted to reflect the lesser of the actual area per pupil or the (fixed) benchmark area requirement per pupil. This means that, for the purposes of calculating the SAF, a school's GFA was not adjusted below the fixed elementary (9.7m²) or secondary (12.07m²) benchmark area requirements. The following table provides an example of how the SAFs have been calculated.

The data used to calculate the SAFs for the elementary and secondary panels of base school operations have been updated as of March 8, 2019. All other datasets were last updated September 2, 2014.

Example: Elementary SAF Calculation					
Board Owned Schools	Weighted Average Age	OTG	Adjusted Area Calculation [Area per Pupil = (GFA / OTG)]		GFA
XX	25	210	Area per Pupil	= 2,431 m ² / 210 pupil places = 11.58 m ² /per pupil place	2,431 m ²
YY	5	465	Actual GFA OTG Area per Pupil Variable benchmark OTG New Variable Area per Pupil Adjusted GFA	= 5,100 m ² = 465 pupil places = 5,100 / 465 = 10.97 m ² /per pupil place = 465 pupil places = 10.35 m ² /per pupil place = OTG x Variable Area per Pupil = 465 x 10.35 = 4,813 m ²	The adjusted GFA for this school would be used to calculate the SAF for the elementary panel for this school board: 4,813 m ²
			Take lesser GFA of 5,100 m ² and 4,813 m ²		
ZZ	3	620	Actual GFA OTG Area per Pupil Variable benchmark OTG New Variable Area per Pupil	= 6,070 m ² = 620 pupil places = 6,070 / 620 = 9.79 m ² /per pupil place = 620 pupil places = 10.12 m ² /per pupil place	The unadjusted GFA for this school would be used to calculate the SAF for the elementary panel for this school board: 6,070 m ²

Example: Elementary SAF Calculation					
Board Owned Schools	Weighted Average Age	OTG	Adjusted Area Calculation [Area per Pupil = (GFA / OTG)]		GFA
			Adjusted GFA	= OTG x Variable Area per Pupil = 620 x 10.12 = 6,295 m ²	
			Take lesser GFA of 6,070 m ² and 6,295 m ²		
Total		1,295			13,314 m ²
SAF = (GFA/OTG) / Benchmark Area per Pupil					
= (13,314 m ² / 1,295) / 9.7 m ² = 1.060					

Base School Operations

The Base School Operations amount is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Enrolment} \times \text{Benchmark Area Per Pupil} \times \text{SAF} \times \text{Benchmark for Operating Costs}$$

The factors used to determine the Base School Operations amount for elementary, secondary, and other programs are set out in the preceding table (e.g., Elementary SAF Calculation).

The data used to calculate the SAFs for the elementary and secondary panels of base school operations have been updated as of March 8, 2019. All other datasets were last updated September 2, 2014.

The Base School Operations amount is projected to be \$2.19 billion in 2023–24.

Enhanced Top-up for School Operations

In addition to the Base School Operations amount, school boards may be eligible for enhanced top-up funding which recognizes costs for schools that are distant from one another and that are operating at less than full capacity. Enhanced Top-up for School Operations provides funding to address the cost of cleaning and maintaining some of the excess school facility capacity.

Enhanced Top-up for School Operations is calculated on an individual school-facility level for those facilities that are offering a regular day-school program (exclusive of

adult day school) that are distant from one another and are operating at less than full capacity, that is, in facilities where enrolment is less than capacity.

School facilities where enrolment exceeds capacity do not generate any enhanced top-up funding; however, the entire enrolment of the facility (including the portion of enrolment that is greater than capacity) is generating funding from the Base School Operations component.

Definition	Description
Eligibility requirements to qualify for enhanced top-up	<p>A school facility¹ is eligible for Enhanced Top-up for School Operations if it meets one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school facility is an elementary school where the next closest elementary or secondary school of the board is at least 10 kilometres away, or • school facility is a secondary school where the next closest secondary school of the board is at least 20 kilometres away.

NOTE: The distance to the closest school is measured by road distance, and the next closest school facility does not include any school facility on the same campus.

Enhanced Top-up for School Operations =

$$\begin{aligned} & \min(100\%, 1 - ADE/OTG) \times \\ & OTG \times \\ & \text{Benchmark Area Per Pupil} \times \\ & SAF \times \\ & \text{Benchmark for Operating Costs} \end{aligned}$$

Enhanced top-up along with other components of School Operations Allocation will ensure that qualifying school facilities are funded at 100 per cent of their capacity.

New school facilities that opened or school facilities that have undergone significant renovations in or after 2018–19 are not eligible for this funding in 2023–24.

The enhanced Top-up for School Operations funding is projected to be \$102.2 million in 2023–24. In addition, this amount has not been adjusted to accommodate changes to class size. Note that the SAF applied to enhanced top-up reflects data available in SFIS as of September 2, 2014.

¹ School facilities that only have remote learning ADE are not eligible for this funding.

Community Use of Schools Amount

This funding allows school boards to reduce the rates for school space used by the community by helping school boards with the costs involved with keeping schools open after hours such as heating, lighting, and cleaning.

An amount for each school board is estimated based on its relative share of the total of components of the School Operations Allocation (Base School Operations, Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP) and Enhanced Top-up for School Operations) of the previous year. This share is then multiplied by the total available funding.

Each school board's allocation under [Community Use of Schools](#) is set out in the GSN regulation.

The Community Use of Schools Amount is projected to be \$29.0 million in 2023–24.

Capital Lease Amount on School Authority Amalgamation

An amount of \$0.1 million is being provided to continue capital lease arrangements made by former school authorities in remote communities.

Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP) Operations Amount

An amount of \$1.9 million is being provided to help offset the accommodation costs of classrooms in care and/or treatment, and custody settings that operate in school board space.

Capital Planning Capacity (CPC) Amount

The CPC program supports school boards in acquiring additional resources to undertake a range of capital planning-related activities with a particular focus on data management and capacity building.

Data Management

Funding allows all school boards to increase decision making capacity by enhancing the ability to update and manage school facility data in a timely manner. Funding is allocated using a base funding amount and a scaling factor. The scaling factor is used as a multiplier intended to increase the base amount relative to school board size.

Capacity Building

Funding for Capacity Building allows school boards with excess capacity to do the following:

- ensure they develop capital plans to effectively right-size and manage excess capacity in their schools
- undertake accommodation review processes
- identify and develop potential facility partnership opportunities in underutilized schools that have been deemed by the school board as viable to support such arrangements
- support the hiring of third-party mediation services to facilitate municipal/school board planning discussions and to support cooperative planning

Eligibility Rules and Allocation Methodology for Capacity Building Funds

Eligibility for Capacity Building funding is determined by first calculating the overall impact of the School Board Efficiencies and Modernization initiative (i.e., fully implemented changes to top-up funding) on each school board's School Facility Operations and Renewal (O&R) Grant. School boards are divided into four groups according to the percentage change to each school board's O&R Grant:

- Group A – O&R reduction greater or equal to 5%
- Group B – O&R reduction between 5% and 0%
- Group C – O&R increase between 0% and 5%
- Group D – O&R increase greater or equal to 5%

All school boards that fall into Group A are eligible for Capacity Building funds.

All school boards that fall into Group D are not eligible for Capacity Building funds.

School boards in Group B and Group C:

- If less than 15% of the total number of the schools of the board are qualifying schools (defined as schools with utilization at 65% or less), then the school board is not eligible for capacity building funds
- If more than 15% of the total number of the schools of the board are qualifying schools (defined as schools with utilization at 65% or less¹), and the school board is experiencing a three-year consecutive decline in enrolment in at least one panel, then the school board is eligible for capacity building funds

¹ Based on ADE Estimates for 2015–2016, released in March 2015

Funding is allocated using a base funding amount and a scaling factor. The scaling factor is used as a multiplier intended to increase the base amount relative to school board size and need. The scaling factors for Capital Planning is related to a school board size in terms of the total number of schools of the board. The scaling factors for Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) Processes and Mediation/Hubs/Partnerships are related to school board need in terms of the number of schools a board has that are defined as eligible schools (see above).

The base amounts are as follows:

- Capital Planning base amount: \$22,000
- ARC Processes base amount: \$22,000
- Mediation/Hubs/Partnerships base amount: \$4,550
- Data Management base amount: \$30,500

For Capital Planning and Data Management, the scaling factors are (A):

- 1.00 if the school board has 0-25 schools
- 1.20 if the school board has 26-50 schools
- 1.44 if the school board has 51-100 schools
- 1.73 if the school board has 101-150 schools
- 2.08 if the school board has 151-250 schools
- 2.50 if the school board has 251-350 schools
- 3.00 if the school board has over 350 schools

For ARC Processes and Facility Partnerships, the scaling factors are (B):

- 1.00 if the school board has 0-4 qualifying schools
- 2.00 if the school board has 5-10 qualifying schools
- 3.00 if the school board has 11-20 qualifying schools
- 4.00 if the school board has 21-30 qualifying schools
- 5.00 if the school board has 31-40 qualifying schools
- 6.00 if the school board has 41-50 qualifying schools
- 7.00 if the school board has more than 50 qualifying schools

The calculation of the CPC Amount is the sum of the Capacity Building component (eligible school boards only) and the Data Management component (all school boards), as follows:

$$\text{Capacity Building} = (\$22,000 \times A) + (\$22,000 \times B) + (\$4,550 \times B)$$

$$\text{Data Management} = (\$30,500 \times A)$$

CPC funding for Capacity Building and Data Management flows through the School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant.

The CPC Amount is projected to be \$8.3 million in 2023–24.

Non-Instructional Spaces Amount

Funding is provided to support the operating costs of non-instructional spaces such as teacherages in isolate board school authorities that were merged with and continued as district school boards in 2009. As of the 2023–24 school year, three district school boards continue to maintain such non-instructional spaces as part of their facility inventory which they acquired when they merged with isolate board school authorities.

Funding is provided for teacherages that are occupied by teachers and for teacherages that remain available to be occupied by teachers. Funding is not provided for teacherages that are being rented or used for administrative purposes. The remote distance factor is applied to this funding to recognize the higher administration and maintenance costs required to manage these units in remote areas as follows:

$$\text{\$1,000 per teacherage} \times \text{remote distance factor}$$

The allocations provided to the three district school boards are set out in the GSN regulation.

The Non-Instructional Spaces Amount is projected to be \$42,000 in 2023–24.

School Renewal Allocation

The School Renewal Allocation addresses the costs of repairing and renovating schools.

The School Renewal Allocation is the sum of the following four components:

- Base School Renewal – \$257.7 million
- Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal – \$13.8 million
- Enhancement to address deferred maintenance needs – \$53.7 million
- School renewal investment – \$50.0 million

Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

For 2023–24, this allocation is projected to be \$375.1 million.

Cap on Operating Expenses

As of 2014–15, any increase in the amount of school renewal funding directed towards operating expenses, under this allocation, will be limited to an additional 5 per cent of each school board’s historical three-year average amount spent on operating (using the 2010–11, 2011–12 and 2012–13 fiscal years). This is to ensure that part of this funding continues to be used for depreciable type expenses.

School Renewal Allocation – Key Components			
Component	Elementary Panel	Secondary Panel	Adult Education / Other Programs
Enrolment	Day-School ADE of pupils enrolled in junior kindergarten, senior kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 8.	Day-School ADE of pupils enrolled in Grades 9 through 12, excluding students 21 years of age and older.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-School ADE of pupils 21 years of age or older, high-credit portion of pupils in secondary school. • ADE of pupils enrolled in continuing education credit courses during the day (excluding pupils enrolled in correspondence self-study/online learning programs). • ADE of pupils enrolled in summer school programs. • Approved spaces in care, treatment and custody programs that operate in school board-owned space are treated as continuing education.

School Renewal Allocation – Key Components			
Component	Elementary Panel	Secondary Panel	Adult Education / Other Programs
On the Ground Capacity (OTG)	The ministry has identified categories of instructional space for all elementary and secondary facilities of a school board using the Report of the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (August 1998). A loading has been assigned to each category of instructional space identified, based on the number of pupils that can reasonably be accommodated in each category of instructional space. The sum of all the loading in the instructional space within a facility is its capacity.		N/A
Benchmark Area Requirement per Pupil (fixed)	9.7 m ²	12.07 m ²	9.29 m ²
	The Benchmark Area Requirement per Pupil provides sufficient teaching and ancillary space to permit the effective delivery of elementary school programming (including primary class size), and secondary school programming. It also provides additional space required to accommodate the typical distribution of special education, learning opportunities and language (e.g., ESL, etc.) programming.		The Benchmark Area Requirement for Adult Education and Other Programs is lower than the traditional secondary school panel because no additional space is required for special needs programs.
Supplementary Area Factor (SAF)	The school board-specific SAF recognizes unique design features of a board's school facilities such as wide hallways, large shop spaces, and auditorium space, as well as the additional space requirement associated with special needs programming. Each school board has an elementary and secondary SAF that is greater than or equal to an adjustment factor of 1.0 (the secondary SAF is used for adult education/other programs). Each school board's SAF is set out in the GSN regulation.		
Benchmark for Renewal Costs	Allocation method benchmark for renewal costs:		

School Renewal Allocation – Key Components			
Component	Elementary Panel	Secondary Panel	Adult Education / Other Programs
	School board-specific weighted average of \$7.89 per m ² and \$11.83 per m ² with the weights reflecting the school board’s total area under and over 20 years of age (weighted average age) respectively. Each school board’s percentage of elementary and secondary school facility areas that are under and over 20 years of age are set out in the GSN regulation.		
Geographic Adjustment Factor (GAF) (2011)	The GAF is a cost index used by the ministry to identify and recognize regional variations in the construction and renewal costs of school facilities. Each school board’s GAFs are set out in the GSN regulation.		

Adjustment Factor Calculations

School board specific adjustment factors reflect data available in the School Facility Inventory System (SFIS) as of September 2, 2014.

Weighted School Age

For the purpose of calculating the SAF and the School Renewal cost benchmark (i.e., over/under 20 benchmarks), the ministry determines a weighted average age for each school to better reflect a school’s age. The age of the original building and all permanent additions are weighted by their respective gross floor area. The example below demonstrates how the weighted average ages are calculated.

Example: School Age Calculation			
Construction History	Age	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Age x GFA
Original Construction	40	1,000	40,000
Addition	20	1,500	30,000
Addition	10	3,000	30,000
Demolition	40	-500	-20,000
Addition	2	500	1,000
Total		5,500	81,000
Weighted Average Age		81,000/5,500 = 14.73	

The weighted ages of schools have been updated as of September 2, 2014.

Supplementary Area Factor (SAF)

A school board's SAF is determined by comparing its area per pupil, per panel, with the benchmark area per pupil of 9.7m² for elementary and 12.07 m² for secondary. If the school board's area per pupil is less than the benchmark, it is deemed to have an SAF of 1.0. To calculate a school board's area per pupil, the total adjusted gross floor area (GFA) by panel is divided by the total on-the-ground capacity.

To determine a school board's total adjusted GFA, schools with a weighted average age of 10 years or less are subject to adjustment to reflect the construction area benchmarks introduced in 2000. This adjustment reflects that school boards should have been building their schools to these ministry construction area benchmarks. The area per pupil calculation for these schools has been adjusted to reflect the lesser of the school's actual area per pupil or the variable construction area benchmarks introduced in memorandum 2011:B6.

The data used to calculate the SAFs have been updated as of September 2, 2014.

The following subset of schools will be exempted from this adjustment:

- Elementary schools with a capacity of less than 200 pupil places
- Secondary schools with a capacity of less than 300 pupil places
- Elementary schools where the variable benchmark is less than the fixed area per pupil of 9.7m²
- Secondary schools where the variable benchmark is less than the fixed benchmark area per pupil of 12.07 m²

For the first two items, the actual GFA is used, as the ministry does not have a construction area benchmark for schools below the specified capacity threshold. For the last two items, the GFA is adjusted to reflect the lesser of the actual area per pupil or the (fixed) benchmark area requirement per pupil. This means that, for the purposes of calculating the SAF, a school's GFA was not adjusted below the fixed elementary (9.7 m²) or secondary (12.07 m²) benchmark area requirements. The table below illustrates how the SAFs have been calculated.

Example: Elementary SAF Calculation					
Board Owned Schools	Weighted Average Age	OTG	Adjusted Area Calculation [Area per Pupil = (GFA / OTG)]		GFA
XX	25	210	Area per Pupil	= 2,431 m ² / 210 pupil places = 11.58 m ² /per pupil place	2,431 m ²

Example: Elementary SAF Calculation					
Board Owned Schools	Weighted Average Age	OTG	Adjusted Area Calculation [Area per Pupil = (GFA / OTG)]		GFA
YY	5	465	Actual GFA	= 5,100 m ²	The adjusted GFA for this school would be used to calculate the SAF for the elementary panel for this school board: 4,813 m ²
			OTG	= 465 pupil places	
			Area per Pupil	= 5,100 / 465	
			Variable benchmark OTG	= 10.97 m ² /per pupil place = 465 pupil places	
			New Variable Area per Pupil	= 10.35 m ² /per pupil place	
			Adjusted GFA	= OTG x Variable Area per Pupil = 465 x 10.35 = 4,813 m ²	
			Take lesser GFA of 5,100 m ² and 4,813 m ²		
ZZ	3	620	Actual GFA	= 6,070 m ²	The unadjusted GFA for this school would be used to calculate the SAF for the elementary panel for this school board: 6,070 m ²
			OTG	= 620 pupil places	
			Area per Pupil	= 6,070 / 620	
			Variable benchmark OTG	= 9.79 m ² /per pupil place = 620 pupil places	
			New Variable Area per Pupil	= 10.12 m ² /per pupil place	

Example: Elementary SAF Calculation					
Board Owned Schools	Weighted Average Age	OTG	Adjusted Area Calculation [Area per Pupil = (GFA / OTG)]		GFA
			Adjusted GFA	= OTG x Variable Area per Pupil = 620 x 10.12 = 6,295 m ²	
			Take lesser GFA of 6,070 and 6,295 m ²		
Total		1,295			13,314 m ²
SAF = (GFA/OTG) / Benchmark Area per Pupil					
= (13,314 m ² / 1,295) / 9.7 m ² = 1.060					

Age Factor - Over/Under 20 Years of Age

The over/under 20 years of age factor is applied to the renewal allocation to reflect that a school's renewal needs increase with age. This school board specific adjustment factor is calculated by panel and incorporates the weighted average age calculation to determine whether a school's gross floor area is under or over 20 years of age.

Benchmark

- The benchmark renewal cost for schools < 20 years of age is: \$7.89 per m²
- The benchmark renewal cost for schools ≥ 20 years of age is: \$11.83 per m²

Base School Renewal

The Base School Renewal is calculated using the following formula:

Enrolment × Benchmark Area Per Pupil × SAF × Benchmark for Renewal Cost × GAF

The factors used to determine the Base School Renewal for elementary, secondary, and other programs are set in the table above.

Base School Renewal funding is projected to be \$257.7 million in 2023–24.

Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal

Base School Renewal is calculated using enrolment and does not recognize excess capacity at individual school facilities. Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal provides funding to address the cost of repairing and renovating eligible school facilities with excess capacity.

Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal is calculated on an individual school-facility level for those facilities that are offering a regular day-school program (exclusive of adult day school) that are distant from one another and are operating at less than full capacity, that is, in facilities where ADE is less than capacity.

School facilities where enrolment exceeds capacity will not generate any enhanced top-up funding; however, the entire enrolment of the facility (including the portion of enrolment greater than capacity) is generating funding from the Base School Renewal component.

New school facilities that opened or have undergone significant renovations in or after 2018–19 are not eligible for this funding this year.

For 2023–24, Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal funding is projected to be \$13.8 million.

Definition	Description
Eligibility requirements to qualify for enhanced top-up	<p>A school facility¹ is eligible for Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal if it meets one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facility is an elementary school where the next closest elementary or secondary school of the board is at least 10 kilometres away, or • facility is a secondary school where the next closest secondary school of the board is at least 20 kilometres away.

NOTE: The distance to the closest school is measured by road network, and the next closest school facility does not include any school facility on the same campus.

Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal =

$$\begin{aligned} & \min (100\%, 1 - ADE/OTG) \times \\ & OTG \times \\ & Benchmark Area Per Pupil \times \\ & SAF \times \end{aligned}$$

¹ School facilities that only have remote learning ADE are not eligible for this funding.

*Benchmark for Renewal Costs ×
GAF*

Enhanced Top-up along with other components of the School Renewal Allocation will ensure that qualifying school facilities are funded at 100 per cent of their capacity.

Enhancement to Address Deferred Maintenance Needs

The School Renewal Enhancement Amount is projected to be \$53.7 million and is an annual allocation provided to school boards to address deferred maintenance needs.

Each school board's Enhancement to Address Deferred Maintenance Needs is set out in the GSN regulation. The GAF is applied to this amount.

School Renewal Investment

An additional \$50.0 million in capital funding has been allocated in proportion to a board's relative share of provincial school renewal funding¹.

Each school board's School Renewal Investment is set out in the GSN regulation.

¹ Only includes funding through the Base School Renewal and Enhanced Top-up for School Renewal components.

Debt Service Costs

Remaining New Pupil Places (NPP) and Good Places to Learn (GPL) Balances into Capital Priorities

Under the NPP capital program introduced in 1998 and the GPL capital program introduced in 2004, school boards were provided funding to support capital debt that was financed through either third-party debentures or Ontario Financing Authority (OFA).

In 2009–10, the ministry concluded the two programs (NPP and GPL) and as a result, a one-time debt support grant was provided for any debt relating to ministry approved capital expenditure net of the pupil accommodation reserve as of August 31, 2010. This grant is being flowed to school boards over the remaining term of their existing capital debt instruments. At the time of the wrap-up, school boards were also given a balance that was to be long-term financed through the OFA as they completed projects that were approved by the ministry.

In 2016–17, school boards had accessed most of the balance, and the ministry transferred the remaining NPP and GPL balances that would be financed through the OFA to a capital grants model. This change provides efficiencies to school boards' capital planning and reporting processes as all capital related projects will be funded through a consistent capital grants model. School boards will continue to receive funding to repay existing OFA loan payments.

School boards will receive funding for their short-term interest costs incurred on projects that are underway in the following cases:

- where a school board short-term finances by borrowing from its internal reserves, the ministry recognizes these costs at an annual rate of 1 per cent
- where a school board short-term finances by external borrowing, the ministry recognizes the short-term interest costs for the one-, two- or three-month bankers' acceptance rate (BA) plus 75 points

Pre-1998 Capital Expenditures

Consistent with the recognition approach of capital debt for the NPP and GPL programs, there was a one-time grant recognition of all the existing approved pre-1998 permanently financed capital debt as of August 31, 2010. This grant is being cash flowed to school boards over the remaining term of their existing capital debt instruments.

The existing funding and cash flow mechanism for non-permanently financed debt that was refinanced through the 55 School Board Trust vehicle remain unchanged.

The Debt Service Costs are projected to be \$315.7 million in 2023–24.

One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund

The One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund provides funding to partially mitigate the impacts of the realignment within the Indigenous Education Grant for school boards that are facing a net funding reduction through the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies and BAP allocations in 2023–24 relative to the 2022–23 school year. This transitional funding can support existing programming¹, recognizing that it takes time for school boards to adjust their cost structures.

Each eligible school board’s funding under the One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund is set out in the GSN regulation.

The One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund is projected to be \$17.1 million in 2023–24.

¹ This funding should not include expenses related to school board administration and governance.

Capital Funding

The ministry continues its multi-year capital funding allocations designed to target school board identified capital needs. The primary means for funding new construction is the Capital Priorities Grant while School Condition Improvement funding helps address high and urgent renewal needs and facility condition. In addition, the ministry provides funding to create new licenced child care spaces, meet enrolment demands through temporary accommodation and purchase land for new schools and additions.

Capital Priorities Program

The Capital Priorities Grant program supports the construction of new schools, permanent additions, renovations and school purchases. This funding for capital projects addresses accommodation pressures, replacement of schools due to their condition; supports past consolidation decisions, provides facilities for French-language rights holders in under-served areas and creates new child care spaces in schools

The ministry continues to consider funding to address costs related to site acquisition and preparation for project construction costs that are not included in the ministry's capital funding benchmarks or not eligible for funding with Education Development Charges.

Information regarding the 2023–24 Capital Priorities round will be shared through a future memorandum.

Child Care

Child care capital funding supports school-based child care capital projects which serve children aged 0 to 3.8 years, where there is a need for new child care construction or renovations to existing space. All child care space must be built in accordance with the *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA).

Amount for Temporary Accommodation

The ministry continues to fund \$40 million for Temporary Accommodation in proportion to school boards' share of temporary accommodation activity. This funding may be used for portable moves, leases and purchases, as well as for lease costs for permanent instructional space. This funding will be flowed as expenses are reported through the Education Financial Information System (EFIS).

To ensure fair and accurate temporary accommodation funding in future years, it is recommended that school boards reflect any changes to their portable inventory in the Education Capital Information System (ECIS), which replaces SFIS.

As introduced in 2016–17, school boards are expected to place unspent Temporary Accommodation allocations from previous years in deferred revenue for spending on future temporary accommodation.

Amount for School Condition Improvement (SCI)

The ministry is committed to supporting healthy and safe learning environments. For the upcoming school year, the ministry will continue to invest \$1.4 billion to maintain and improve the condition of schools.

The School Condition Improvement (SCI) allocation is \$1.07 billion in 2023–24. This funding helps school boards address the identified renewal needs from the ministry’s School Condition Assessment Program. SCI funding is allocated in proportion to a school board’s total assessed renewal needs. Projects funded under this program must support the overall objective of addressing facility renewal needs (either assessed needs or on a proactive basis).

School boards are required to direct 70 per cent of SCI funding to key building components (e.g., foundations, roofs, windows) and systems (e.g., HVAC and plumbing). School boards are allowed to use the remaining 30 per cent of their new SCI funding to address the above, interiors and site improvement. School boards have the flexibility to prioritize schools and individual components and systems that fit under these categories and deal with problems as they emerge, rather than having to wait for the next condition assessment of a building.

Category	Funding	Description
Restricted	70%	Targeted to building envelope (e.g., foundation, roof, windows) and mechanical systems (e.g., electrical, HVAC, plumbing) This is based on Unifomat: A: Substructure (e.g., foundations, basement walls) B. Superstructure (e.g., roofs, exterior walls, windows) D. Services (e.g., plumbing, HVAC, fire protection, electrical)
Discretionary	30%	Flexibility to allocate towards renewal capital project at existing schools (e.g., science labs, pavements, interior finishings)

School boards are required to report spending of SCI funding in the VFA facility¹ database. Reimbursement of school board expenditure is contingent on timely reporting. Payments will be made twice a year based on reported expenditure. The ministry will fund short-term interest costs related to these expenditures reflecting that SCI funding will occur on a bi-annual basis, consistent with other capital programs.

The ministry expects that school boards will spend their SCI funds on schools that school boards have deemed need to remain open. For schools that are scheduled to be closed or are planned to be part of an upcoming accommodation review, renewal funds should only be used to address renewal needs that could compromise the continuing operation of these schools in the short-term. School boards are not to use this funding to expand the size of schools, build new schools, or to service debt.

Further details regarding enveloping and financial reporting can be found in the Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements section of this paper.

Amount for COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

As outlined in memorandum [2021:B12 – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream: Education Related \(CVRIS-EDU\) Projects - Approvals](#), a time-limited COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) was created under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) in recognition for new demands for infrastructure investments related to COVID-19. A complete list of approved projects for each school board can be found in [2021:B12 - Appendix A](#). Funding under this program will be capped at the approved allocation listed for each project.

¹ Capital planning/renewal software

School Authorities Allocation

School authorities are very small school boards, including isolate board school authorities (mostly located in remote areas of Ontario) and Section 68 school authorities (within some children's treatment centres).

Isolate boards' allocations are based on education funding formulas consistent with the GSN, with modifications as appropriate in recognition of the unique characteristics of these isolate boards, and provisions for special approval, both of which are subject to approval by the Minister of Education.

School authorities that operate within treatment centres under Section 68 of the *Education Act* provide educational programs for medically referred students from treatment centres within the range of junior kindergarten to Grade 12 (up to 21 years of age). Due to their unique operational needs, Section 68 school authorities are funded on a budget approval basis, subject to approval by the Minister of Education.

The School Authorities Allocation is authorized through education funding regulations.

Enrolment

Calculation of Average Daily Enrolment (ADE)

For the purposes of funding through the GSN, typically ‘pupils of the board’ are the students that generate funding. A pupil of the board is generally defined as a student who satisfies the conditions for the right to attend a publicly funded elementary or secondary school without the payment of fees as outlined under the *Education Act*. For the purposes of enrolment used to calculate components (A), (B), and (C) of the BAP Allocation, students for whom fees must be charged under the tuition fees regulation are also included. Pupils described in the section on Fees are not considered to be pupils of the board for the purposes of calculating grants to school boards.

For the purposes of this paper, “ADE” refers to regular day-school average daily enrolment (ADE) for pupils of the board, unless otherwise specified.

Under the school year reporting that typically covers the period from September to August, ADE is calculated for the following.

Day-School Pupils

Day-school ADE is based on the two count dates within the school year – the last school day of October and March¹.

Elementary day-school pupils and secondary day-school pupils (excluding adult day-school pupils and the high-credit ADE of secondary day-school pupils) are funded through most components of the GSN, unless otherwise specified.

The ADE of adult day-school pupils (21 years of age or older as of December 31 of the current school year) and the high-credit ADE of secondary day-school pupils are primarily funded through the Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant.

¹ For school boards that have chosen a quadmester (4-semester) or octomester (8-semester) delivery model, the ADE is determined by, first, calculating the average number of minutes of instruction based on the 16th day of each quadmester or octomester. Then, the ADE reported for the October count date will be based on the average of the average number of minutes of instruction per term for the first 2 quadmasters or the first 4 octomesters. For the March count date, the ADE reported will be based on the average of the average number of minutes of instruction per term for the last 2 quadmasters or the last 4 octomesters.

High-Credit Day-School ADE

The portion of a pupil's enrolment over the 34-credit threshold is to be captured in the high-credit day-school ADE category. High-credit day-school ADE is funded at the continuing education rate.

A pupil is considered to be a fully high-credit day school student if a pupil generates no regular day-school ADE (i.e., generates all their day school funding at the high-credit day-school ADE rate).

Continuing Education and Summer School Pupils

The ADE of continuing education and summer school pupils is calculated based on classes or courses in which the pupils are enrolled.

Fees

School boards are required to charge tuition fees for non-resident visa students, students residing in a First Nation community, and students from outside of the province of Ontario. For more details regarding tuition-paying students (“other pupils”) as defined in regulation, refer to the Enrolment Register Instructions for Elementary and Secondary Schools or contact enrolment@ontario.ca. This section outlines what fees must be charged for these students and how these fees are calculated.

New in 2023–24

Changes to the Day School Base Fee Calculations

The 2023–24 base fee calculations for day school students have been updated to reflect updates to the 2023–24 GSN allocations, including the following new components:

- Remote Learning Administration Allocation
- Safe and Clean Schools Supplement
- Student Mental Well-Being Allocation
- Demographic Data Gathering Allocation
- One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund

The base fee calculations also reflect changes to existing components. See the table in the “Base Fee Calculations for Day School Students” in this section.

Reciprocal Education Approach (REA)

Fees Regulation Section 3

In accordance with sections 185 and 188 of the *Education Act* and O. Reg. 261/19: *Reciprocal Education Approach (REA)* under the *Education Act*, as of September 1, 2019, school boards are required to admit eligible students to a school of a school board and support eligible students to attend an eligible First Nation-operated or federally operated school upon submission of Written Notice.

For students attending a school of a school board under the REA, the school board is required to charge the base fee per ADE to the First-Nation or Eligible Entity identified in the Written Notice. For students attending a First Nation or federally operated school under the REA, the school board is required to provide the base fee amount per ADE to the First Nation or Eligible Entity identified in the Written Notice.

School boards and First Nation Entities may enter into agreements for additional services and supports that supplement the base fee, as outlined in regulation (e.g., Special education claims-based amounts, transportation, and/or additional Indigenous languages or Indigenous studies courses).

More information on the REA can be found on the Ministry of Education's [REA webpage](#), including school board requirements regarding pupil registration and payment processes, as outlined in the [Reciprocal Education Approach \(REA\) Instructions for First Nations and School Boards](#).

Fees Regulation Section 9, Summer School and Continuing Education

For eligible students who wish to enrol in the continuing education program, the school board is required to charge a minimum fee per ADE based on the following calculation, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates:

(Total expenses for continuing education / Total continuing education enrolment) × enrolment of the tuition-paying student

For eligible students who wish to enrol in the summer school program, the school board is required to charge a minimum fee per ADE based on the following calculation, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates:

(Total expenses for summer school program / Total summer school enrolment) × enrolment of the tuition-paying student

International Visa students

Fees Regulation Section 8, Day School

For international Visa students (for whom subsection 49(6) of the *Education Act* applies) enrolled in day school, the school board is required to charge at least one-tenth of the day school minimum base fee and the Pupil Accommodation Charge (PAC) per ADE for each month the student is enrolled.

Fees Regulation Section 9, Summer School and Continuing Education

For international Visa students enrolled in the continuing education program, the school board is required to charge a minimum fee per ADE based on the following calculation, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates:

(Total expenses for continuing education / Total continuing education enrolment) × enrolment of the tuition-paying student

For international Visa students enrolled in the summer school program, the school board is required to charge a minimum fee per ADE based on the following calculation, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates:

(Total expenses for summer school program / Total summer school enrolment) × enrolment of the tuition-paying student

Waived Fees

The *Education Act* requires school boards to waive fees for some international students (for whom subsection 49(7) of the *Education Act* applies) such as children whose parents/guardians have applied for permanent residence in Canada and children whose parents/guardians are enrolled full-time in a diploma, degree or certificate program (minimum of 2 or 3 semesters or 600 + hours of instruction) at a publicly funded Ontario university, college or institution, including an institution that is an affiliate or federated institution of a university or college, that receives operating grants from the Government of Ontario.

International Student Recovery Amount

The ISRA, within the Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant, is based on the ADE of fee-paying international Visa students reported in OnSIS, multiplied by \$1,300.

Canadian students from outside Ontario

Fees Regulation Section 5, Day School

For Canadian students from outside Ontario enrolled in day school, the school board may charge no more than the day school base fee (maximum) and the PAC per ADE. School boards may charge additional fees for additional services and supports that supplement the base fee for day school students, as outlined in regulation (e.g., special education claims-based amounts, transportation, and/or other programs not fully funded through the base fee).

Fees Regulation Section 9, Summer School and Continuing Education

For Canadian students from outside Ontario who wish to enrol in the continuing education program, the school board is required to charge a minimum fee per ADE based on the following calculation, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates:

$$\text{(Total expenses for continuing education / Total continuing education enrolment)} \times \text{enrolment of the tuition-paying student}$$

For Canadian students from outside Ontario who wish to enrol in the summer school program, the school board is required to charge a minimum fee per ADE based on the following calculation, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates:

$$\text{(Total expenses for summer school program / Total summer school enrolment)} \times \text{enrolment of the tuition-paying student}$$

Parent / guardian residing on tax exempt land

Fees Regulation Section 4, Day School

For students enrolled in day school whose parents or guardians reside on tax exempt land, the school board may charge \$40 per month per family.

Base Fee Calculations for Day School Students

The 2023–24 base fee calculations for day school students per ADE are based on 2023–24 GSN allocations and are set out in the *Calculation of Fees for Pupils for the 2023–24 School Board Fiscal Year* regulation, sections 3(3) elementary and 3(4) secondary.

- **Elementary Day School Base Fee per ADE:** The sum of the 2023–24 GSN allocations in the table below for the school board divided by the total elementary day school ADE for the school board, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates.
- **Secondary Day School Base Fee per ADE:** The sum of the 2023–24 GSN allocations in the table below for the school board divided by the total secondary day school ADE for the school board, using 2023–24 School Board Estimates.

The table below outlines the components of each GSN grant for 2023–24 day school “base fee” calculations per ADE for elementary and secondary day school students based on the 2023–24 GSN allocation calculations outlined in this paper. Note: The Transportation and Continuing Education and Other Programs grants are fully excluded from the day school base fee calculation.

GSN GRANT	DAY SCHOOL BASE FEE CALCULATIONS	
	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
Pupil Foundation Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten (JK/SK) Pupil Foundation Allocation • Primary (Grades 1 to 3) Pupil Foundation Allocation • Junior and Intermediate (Grades 4 to 8) Pupil Foundation Allocation • Intermediate (Grades 7 and 8) Supplementary Pupil Foundation Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) Pupil Foundation Allocation
School Foundation Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-School Administration and Leadership Allocation elementary school components and elementary portions of each combined school (i.e., school-based allocation divided by school’s total school enrolment and multiplied by school’s elementary enrolment) • Remote Learning Administration Allocation multiplied by elementary remote learning ADE and divided by total remote learning ADE • Library Staff Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-School Administration and Leadership Allocation secondary school components and secondary portions of each combined school (i.e., school-based allocation divided by school’s total enrolment and multiplied by school’s secondary enrolment) • Remote Learning Administration Allocation multiplied by secondary remote learning ADE and divided by total remote learning ADE

GSN GRANT	DAY SCHOOL BASE FEE CALCULATIONS	
	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Engagement Allocation elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Engagement Allocation secondary portion**
<p>Special Education Grant</p> <p>Note: Does not include claims-based amounts i.e., excludes SEA claims-based amount, ECPP Allocation, Northern Adjustment and SIP Allocations. Under the REA, additional funding may be negotiated separately for these claims-based amounts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPPA Allocation elementary amounts (JK to Grade 3; Grades 4 to 8) • Elementary portion* of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DSENA Allocation ○ SEA Allocation base and per-pupil amounts ○ BEA Allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPPA Allocation secondary amounts (Grades 9 to 12) • Secondary portion** of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DSENA Allocation ○ SEA Allocation base and per-pupil amounts ○ BEA Allocation
<p>Language Grant</p>	<p>English-language school boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Immigrant component of the ESL/ELD Allocation based on elementary weighted enrolment and elementary portion of DELL component* • Recent Immigrant Supplement pro-rated share of the ESL/ELD Recent Immigrant component based on elementary weighted enrolment • FSL Allocation Per-Pupil component elementary amount, and elementary portion of the Areas of Intervention component* <p>French-language school boards:</p>	<p>English-language school boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent Immigrant component of the ESL/ELD Allocation based on secondary weighted enrolment and secondary portion of DELL component** • Recent Immigrant Supplement pro-rated share of the ESL/ELD Recent Immigrant component based on secondary weighted enrolment • FSL Allocation Per-Pupil component secondary amount, and secondary portion of the Areas of Intervention component** <p>French-language school boards:</p>

GSN GRANT	DAY SCHOOL BASE FEE CALCULATIONS	
	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PANA Allocation based on elementary weighted enrolment • Recent Immigrant Supplement pro-rated share of the PANA Allocation based on elementary weighted enrolment • FFL Allocation elementary per-pupil amount (excluding the start-up funding for new French-language elementary schools) • ALF Allocation elementary per-pupil and school amounts, and elementary portion of the board component (excluding 1.0 teacher salary and benefits benchmark)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PANA Allocation based on secondary weighted enrolment • Recent Immigrant Supplement pro-rated share of the PANA Allocation based on secondary weighted enrolment • FFL Allocation secondary per-pupil amount • ALF Allocation secondary per-pupil and school amounts, and secondary/combined portion of the board component (excluding 1.0 teacher salary and benefits benchmark)** plus 1.0 teacher salary and benefits benchmark
<p>Indigenous Education Grant</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the REA, additional funding may be negotiated separately (e.g., to support additional Indigenous languages or First Nations, Métis and Inuit studies courses). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Languages Allocation elementary amount • BAP Allocation elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Languages Allocation secondary amount • First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation • BAP Allocation secondary portion**
<p>Geographic Circumstances Grant</p> <p>Note: Through the GSN, Supported Schools Allocation for French-language boards is adjusted by any funding generated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote and Rural Allocation School Board Enrolment component calculated using a per-pupil amount based on total enrolment multiplied by elementary ADE, Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence per-pupil amount multiplied by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote and Rural Allocation School Board Enrolment component calculated using a per-pupil amount based on total enrolment multiplied by secondary ADE, Distance/Urban Factor/French-Language Equivalence per-pupil amount multiplied by

GSN GRANT	DAY SCHOOL BASE FEE CALCULATIONS	
	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
through the Secondary School Size Amount of the ALF Allocation	<p>elementary ADE, and School Dispersion per-pupil amount multiplied by elementary ADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Schools Allocation elementary and combined schools (elementary portion) • RNEF Allocation elementary portion* • Additional Software Licensing Top-Up Allocation elementary portion* • Student Technological Devices Top-Up Allocation elementary portion* • Broadband Continuous Improvement Top-Up Allocation elementary portion* 	<p>secondary ADE, and School Dispersion per-pupil amount multiplied by secondary ADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Schools Allocation secondary and combined schools (secondary portion) • RNEF Allocation secondary portion** • Additional Software Licensing Top-Up Allocation secondary portion** • Student Technological Devices Top-Up Allocation secondary portion** • Broadband Continuous Improvement Top-Up Allocation secondary portion**
Learning Opportunities Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Allocation elementary portion* • Student Success, Grades 7 to 12 Allocation: demographic component and territorial student program elementary portion*, and elementary calculations of both the enrolment and dispersion components • Grade 7 and 8 Literacy and Numeracy and Student Success Teachers Allocation • Tutoring Allocation elementary portion* • EL Allocation base amount and enrolment, demographic and dispersion components elementary portion* • Outdoor Education Allocation elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic Allocation secondary portion** • Student Success, Grades 7 to 12 Allocation: demographic component and territorial student program secondary portion**, and secondary calculations of both the enrolment and dispersion components • Tutoring Allocation secondary portion** • SHSM Allocation • EL Allocation base amount and enrolment, demographic and dispersion components secondary portion** • Outdoor Education Allocation secondary portion**

GSN GRANT	DAY SCHOOL BASE FEE CALCULATIONS	
	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and Clean Schools Supplement elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe and Clean Schools Supplement secondary portion**
Mental Health and Well-being Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation elementary portion* • Student Mental Well-Being Allocation elementary portion* • Well-Being and Positive School Climates Allocation elementary portion* • Safe and Accepting Schools Allocation elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Workers Allocation • Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation secondary portion** • Student Mental Well-Being Allocation secondary portion** • Well-Being and Positive School Climates Allocation secondary portion** • Safe and Accepting Schools Allocation secondary portion** • Urban and Priority High Schools Allocation
Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualification and Experience Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Adjustment Allocation elementary portion* • Teacher Q&E Allocation elementary amount • ECE Q&E Allocation • NTIP Allocation multiplied by eligible elementary teachers and divided by total eligible teachers • Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation elementary portion* • Retirement Gratuities amount for employees primarily involved in the provision of education to elementary pupils • Benefits Trusts Allocation elementary portion* • Teacher Job Protection Funding Allocation elementary base funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Adjustment Allocation secondary portion** • Teacher Q&E Allocation secondary amount • NTIP Allocation multiplied by eligible secondary teachers and divided by total eligible teachers • Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation secondary portion** • Retirement Gratuities amount for employees primarily involved in the provision of education to secondary pupils • Benefits Trusts Allocation secondary portion** • Teacher Job Protection Funding Allocation secondary base funding and STEM/specialized program exemption amounts

GSN GRANT	DAY SCHOOL BASE FEE CALCULATIONS	
	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
Supports for Students Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports for Students Fund elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports for Students Fund secondary portion**
Program Leadership Grant (PLG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLG elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLG secondary portion**
Declining Enrolment Adjustment (DEA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEA elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEA secondary portion**
School Board Administration and Governance Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustees Allocation: Trustee Honoraria component elementary portion* Board Administration Allocation elementary portion* Executive Compensation Allocation for 2017–18 Increases elementary portion* Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation (including Indigenous-Focused Curriculum) elementary portion School Authorities Amalgamation Adjustment elementary portion* MISA Local Capacity Building Allocation elementary portion* Demographic Data Gathering Allocation elementary portion* <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Student Trustee Honoraria component as this amount is applied fully to the secondary fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustees Allocation: Trustee Honoraria component secondary portion** and Student Trustee Honoraria component Board Administration Allocation secondary portion** Executive Compensation Allocation for 2017–18 Increases secondary portion** Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocation (including Indigenous-Focused Curriculum) secondary portion School Authorities Amalgamation Adjustment secondary portion** MISA Local Capacity Building Allocation secondary portion** Demographic Data Gathering Allocation secondary portion**
School Facility Operations and Renewal Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base School Operations elementary panel amount Enhanced Top-up for School Operations elementary panel amount 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base School Operations secondary panel amount Enhanced Top-up for School Operations secondary panel amount

GSN GRANT	DAY SCHOOL BASE FEE CALCULATIONS	
	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-instructional Spaces Amount elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-instructional Spaces Amount secondary portion**
One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund elementary portion* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One-Time Realignment Mitigation Fund secondary portion**

*Total allocation(s) divided by school board day-school enrolment and multiplied by elementary enrolment.

**Total allocation(s) divided by school board day-school enrolment and multiplied by secondary enrolment.

Reporting and Accountability

The ministry has established the following dates for submission of financial reports in 2022–23.

Date	Financial Report
June 30, 2023	School Board Estimates for 2023–24
November 15, 2023	School Board Financial Statements for 2022–23
December 15, 2023	School Board Revised Estimates for 2023–24
May 15, 2024	School Board Financial Report for September 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Financial reporting, monitoring, and auditing are important elements of an overall accountability framework associated with funding that is provided for education. The ministry continues to monitor that grant claims by school boards are in accordance with the grant regulations and that school boards are in compliance with provincial standards and legislation, and funding envelopes.

Some of the measures that the ministry may take to ensure compliance include:

- withholding grants when a school board is not in compliance
- requiring school boards to prepare and submit deficit management plans when necessary
- directing school boards to take measures to become compliant

School boards' financial statements are prepared following Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) standards. However, there are still some expense exceptions to PSAB for budget compliance purposes, most of which relate to employee benefits. Action taken to reduce the gap is addressed in the Balanced Budget section of this paper.

Cash Management Strategy

The purpose of the cash management strategy is to help reduce the Province's borrowing costs. Under this policy, school boards' monthly cash flows are refined based on each school board's cash requirement. School boards' funding entitlements remain the same under the GSN regulation. However, some school boards record a receivable from the Province for the difference between their funding entitlement and the actual cash flow received.

Delayed Grant Payment – Operating

For those school boards, part of their grant payments from the ministry are delayed until their adjusted accumulated surplus and deferred revenue (ASDR) balance meet a specified criterion. The Delayed Grant Payment amount is calculated using a sliding scale based on the ASDR balance as a percentage of the annual operating allocation of each school board:

- the portion of the ASDR balance less than or equal to 5% of the operating allocation will not be subject to delayed grant payment
- the portion of the ASDR balance greater than 5% and less than or equal to 10% of the operating allocation will be subject to delayed grant payment at a rate of 80%
- any portion of the ASDR balance greater than 10% of the operating allocation will be subject to delayed grant payment in its entirety

The Delayed Grant Payment Operating amount is updated annually based on the most recent financial statements submitted by school boards.

Delayed Grant Payment – Proceeds of Disposition

The Delayed Grant Payment amount also includes Proceeds of Disposition balances from school boards, net of funds required for renewal and capital projects in the upcoming school year. The Delayed Grant Payment Proceeds of Disposition amount is updated twice per year based on the most recent estimates and revised estimates submitted by school boards.

School boards' transfer payments are adjusted based on the change in their Delayed Grant Payment balances.

Balanced Budget, Enveloping, Flexibility, and Other Reporting Requirements

Education funding is intended to mirror cost structures; however, school boards have flexibility in their actual expenditures. It is up to school boards to determine their detailed budget commitments within the terms of the *Education Act* and other relevant regulations and memoranda.

Education funding recognizes that school boards need flexibility to decide how best to allocate resources within their budgets. At the same time, there are restrictions on how school boards may use certain components of their allocation.

Limitations are detailed below:

- Budgets must be balanced.
- Class size regulation must be respected.
- The Library Staff Allocation within the School Foundation Grant is to be used to fund library staff.
- The Special Education Grant is limited to special education expenses, including spending restrictions on specific amounts within the grant.
- The Areas of Intervention component within the FSL Allocation of the Language Grant is limited to expenses for initiatives and eligible activities within the areas of intervention identified in the Canada–Ontario Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official-Language Instruction.
- The Indigenous Education Grant is limited to expenses that support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students, as well as build the knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous histories, cultures, perspectives and contributions, including spending restrictions on specific amounts within the grant.
- The RNEF within the Geographic Circumstances Grant is to be used to further improve education for students from rural communities.
- The allocations within the Targeted Student Supports Envelope of the Learning Opportunities Grant are limited for use collectively on its four programs.
- The allocations within the Experiential Learning Envelope of the Learning Opportunities Grant are limited for use collectively on its three programs.
- The Mental Health Workers Staffing component within the Mental Health Workers Allocation of the Mental Health and Well-Being Grant is limited to expenses on regulated mental health professionals in secondary schools.
- The Student Mental Health Envelope, consisting of the Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation, Student Mental Well-Being Allocation, and the Data and Information Collection Amount of the Mental Health Workers Allocation within the Mental Health and Well-Being Grant, is limited for use collectively on its three programs.

- NTIP funding within the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grant is to be used for eligible NTIP expenses, which are required to meet NTIP program requirements.
- School Board Administration and Governance spending shall not exceed the envelope (excluding Internal Audit, External Audit, and Curriculum and Assessment Implementation allocations and expenses).
- The Internal Audit Allocation is limited to internal audit expenses (excluding any portion of the public sector compensation restraint amount attributable to internal audit).
- PLG funding is to be used for eligible expenses, including salary & benefits and travel & professional development for the program leaders funded through the PLG. If the school board does not employ an Indigenous Education Lead, the board will only generate 0.5 of the supervisory officer benchmark plus 10.44%, which must be reported and spent toward the BAP. If the school board does not employ any one of the remaining five program leaders (excluding the Indigenous Education Lead), the school board will not generate funding for that particular program leader.
- The Indigenous Education Lead amount may only be spent on Indigenous Education Lead. Any remaining funds must be reported and spent under the BAP Allocation.
- The School Renewal Allocation is primarily limited to capital renewal expenditures.
- The School Condition Improvement Allocation is to be used for renewal expenditures that are capitalized and address the overall state of repair.
- Funding for approved capital projects is to be used for intended purpose.
- The Temporary Accommodation Allocation is to be used for portable moves, leases, and purchases, as well as lease costs for permanent instructional space.
- The Amount for COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream is to be used as per conditions set out in memorandum [2021:B12 - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream: Education Related \(CVRIS-EDU\) Projects — Approvals](#).
- A portion of GSN funding is to be used first for minor tangible capital assets (furniture and equipment that is capitalized).
- The ministry also provides funding outside the GSN through PPF for a variety of projects. Restrictions related to this funding are included in Transfer Payment agreements.

Balanced Budgets

School boards are required to have balanced budgets, which require total spending to be equal to, or less than, total revenue. However, there are circumstances where an in-year deficit is permissible under O. Reg. 280/19 if there were prior surpluses

(called accumulated surplus). The draw on the accumulated surplus is limited to ensure that this action does not place the school board at undue financial risk. The draw on the accumulated surplus is limited to the lesser of the following:

- 1) the school board's accumulated surplus from the preceding year
- 2) one per cent of the school board's operating revenue

Carrying a deficit larger than this amount requires approval from the Minister of Education.

Elementary and Secondary Class Size Compliance

School boards are required to organize classes to achieve the requirements set out in O. Reg. 132/12: *Class Size*. The ministry continues to ensure compliance with the elementary and secondary provisions of the class size regulation in accordance with the compliance framework, outlined below. Note that for the purposes of determining the number of consecutive years of non-compliance, elementary and secondary compliance will be treated separately.

For any school board that is not compliant:

- In year one of non-compliance, school board Chairs and Directors will be notified by the Minister and Deputy Minister and required to submit a compliance management plan detailing how the school board will become compliant with class size regulations.
- In year two of non-compliance and beyond, school board Chairs and Directors will be notified by the Minister and Deputy Minister and subject to the following reductions in the GSN envelope for school board administration and governance:
 - one per cent after two consecutive years of non-compliance
 - three per cent after three consecutive years of non-compliance
 - five per cent after four consecutive years of non-compliance
- The ministry will also conduct an analysis of that school board's use of other revenues for administrative purposes to determine if further restrictions are necessary.

In any year, a school board that does not submit its class size information to the ministry by the deadline may be subject to immediate cash withholdings equivalent to 50 per cent of monthly GSN transfers from the ministry. If a school board's monthly GSN transfers are subject to delayed grant payments, cash withholdings (equivalent to 50 per cent of monthly GSN transfers) will be applied in the month which the monthly GSN transfer payment is scheduled to return.

In any year, a school board that demonstrates compliance with the class size regulation and reporting will have the above financial penalties or withholdings lifted, subject to the approval of the Minister.

Special Education Grant

The Special Education Grant establishes the level of funding that each school board may spend on special education; however, school boards may spend more on special education programs, services and/or equipment. School boards must take into account any funding through PPF that applies to special education programs in the determination of their compliance with the special education enveloping provisions. The ministry specifies types of spending for which the Special Education Grant may be used and the list of allowed costs in the [Uniform Code of Accounts](#). School boards must spend the amount of the special education expense envelope (net of the Northern Adjustment in MOV, SEA Per-Pupil Amount, ABA Training Amount, and the ASSD Amount; these components are subject to spending restrictions outlined below), as determined by the enveloping provisions of the regulation, for the additional costs of special education programs and supports (i.e., the costs above the regular costs of pupils' education supported by the Pupil Foundation Grant and the other supplemental grants). School boards must report unspent special education funds as deferred revenue to be used for special education in the future.

School boards are expected to report in EFIS the number of ABA Expertise Professionals supported through the ABA Expertise Professionals Amount.

MOV Northern Adjustment

School boards are required to use funding provided under the Northern Adjustment category of the MOV component of DSENA on eligible expenses related to regionally determined special education priorities that are addressed through joint, innovative and cost-effective special education programs and services, including in underserved rural and remote communities of Northern Ontario. This enveloped funding is provided to the three cooperative lead boards responsible for administering on behalf of all school boards and school authorities within the cooperatives:

- District School Board Ontario North East for the Northeast cooperative
- Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board for the Northwest cooperative
- Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario for the French cooperative

Funding is administered by the three regional cooperatives and supports 22 district school boards and three school authorities. The lead school boards are responsible for distributing funding in a manner that supports all school boards contained within their respective cooperative. The lead school boards must report any unspent funds

as deferred revenue to be used for future Northern Adjustment expenses. Where applicable, all non-lead school boards' expenses must equal their revenue from the lead board, returning any unspent funding to the lead board.

Any eligible spending in excess of the funding for the Northern Adjustment will be included in the special education spending that is measured against the broader special education envelope described above.

Multi-Disciplinary Supports Amount

School boards generate DSENA Multi-Disciplinary Supports Amount funding for a multi-disciplinary team, based on the number of multi-disciplinary team members employed, in addition to funding for the Other Staffing Resources component amount of this Multi-Disciplinary Supports Amount.

Through the Multi-Disciplinary Team component, each multi-disciplinary team member employed as reported by school boards in EFIS, up to a maximum of four, will generate \$105,782.05 for the school board. If the expenses for these multi-disciplinary team members are less than the amount of funding generated, this unspent funding is to be reported as deferred revenue for special education (broader special education envelope). Any eligible spending in excess of the funding for multi-disciplinary team members will be included in the special education spending that will be measured against the broader special education envelope described above.

SEA Per-Pupil Amount

School boards are required to use the SEA Per-Pupil Amount on eligible expenses that comply with the *Special Education Funding Guidelines: Special Equipment Amount (SEA), 2023–24, April 2023*. These include items such as computers, software, robotics, computing-related devices, and other required supporting equipment as identified for use by students with special education needs. SEA Per-Pupil Amount must be reported separately from all other special education expenses. Unused SEA Per-Pupil Amount funding must be reported as SEA Per-Pupil Amount deferred revenue to support future SEA Per-Pupil Amount special equipment purchases. Any eligible spending in excess of the funding for SEA Per-Pupil Amount must be included in the special education spending that is measured against the broader special education envelope described above.

ABA Training Amount

School boards are required to use the BEA's ABA Training Amount funding for ABA training purposes, and any unspent funding must be reported as deferred revenue to be used for future ABA training. Any eligible spending in excess of the funding for

ABA Training Amount will be included in the special education spending that will be measured against the broader special education envelope described above.

ASSD Amount

School boards are required to use the BEA's ASSD Amount funding for ASSD programs, and any unspent funding must be reported as deferred revenue to be used for future ASSD programs. Any eligible spending in excess of the funding for ASSD Amount will be included in the special education spending that will be measured against the broader special education envelope described above.

School boards are expected to report in EFIS the number of students supported through ASSD programs.

FSL Areas of Intervention Component

This funding can only be spent for its intended purpose according to parameters (e.g., eligible activities and expenses) set out by the Field Services Branch of the ministry each school year. Any unspent funding must be reported as deferred revenue for future spending within the Areas of Intervention component within the Language Grant.

School boards are required to report their expenses and data for specified activities through projections and a final report to the Field Services Branch via the ministry's regional offices.

Indigenous Education Grant

The Indigenous Languages, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies, and Board Action Plan allocations within the Indigenous Education Grant are limited to expenses that support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students, as well as build the knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous histories, cultures, perspectives and contributions.

Funding generated within the Indigenous Languages and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies allocations must be spent on the respective program to run these courses. The teacher salary and benefits required to deliver these courses may be reported as spending under this allocation. Any costs associated with these courses, surplus beyond the cost of teacher salary and benefits, is to be reported and spent under the Board Action Plan (BAP) Allocation.

If funds generated through these three allocations are unspent at the end of the school year, they must be reported as deferred revenue for future spending within the BAP Allocation.

Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF)

This funding is dedicated for school boards to further improve education for students from rural communities. School boards are expected to use the funding for rural education based on local needs and report publicly on how the funding is used, such as:

- improving programming and support services in rural schools (e.g., French immersion, arts education and guidance counselling)
- continuing the operation of eligible rural schools
- enhancing student transportation options such as late bus runs and mobile online learning through tablets or Wi-Fi

Funding allotted to the school board may be used for board-level expenses which support students from rural communities (e.g., transportation) or for school-level expenses using the 'List of Schools Eligible for the Rural and Northern Education Fund' provided on the Ministry of Education website. The list comprises schools in which at least half of the students are from rural communities. School boards are required to publicly post details of RNEF expenses as well as those schools in which RNEF funding was spent.

Mental Health Workers Allocation

The Mental Health Workers Staffing component of the Mental Health Workers Allocation within the Mental Health and Well-Being Grant is enveloped, in that it may only be used to support the direct hiring/continued employment by school boards (i.e., salary, wages and benefits) of regulated mental health professionals (i.e., school board FTEs) to support students in secondary schools. For clarification, this funding cannot be used to support service contracts for third parties. Any unspent funding is to be reported as deferred revenue for future spending on mental health workers.

School boards are expected to report in EFIS the number of Mental Health Workers supported through this allocation.

New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)

School boards are expected to use NTIP funding for eligible NTIP expenses and are required to meet NTIP program requirements according to legislation and the *New Teacher Induction Program: Induction Elements Manual*, and to participate in any NTIP-related support and evaluation activities. School boards are expected to continue to submit an NTIP plan and a final report (including a detailed accounting

statement) to the Professionalism, Teaching Policy and Standards Unit (within the Strategic Policy and Initiatives Branch) via the ministry's regional offices.

Program Leadership Grant (PLG)

PLG funding is to be used for eligible expenses, including salary & benefits and travel & professional development for the program leaders funded through the PLG.

The Indigenous Education Lead amount may only be spent on the Indigenous Education Lead. Any remaining funds must be reported and spent under the BAP Allocation.

For the remaining five leads (excluding the Indigenous Education Lead), school boards will be funded the lesser of: a) the maximum allocation calculated and b) the total amount spent on PLG eligible expenses. Note that the total amount spent on PLG eligible expenses for the remaining five leads can include additional expenses for the Indigenous Education Lead in excess of the maximum allocation calculated for Indigenous Education Lead, including salary & benefits and travel & professional development.

A school board will not generate funding to be used within the Program Leadership Grant for a lead unless a lead has been employed for the school year.

- If a school board does not employ a Mental Health Leader, the school board's PLG funding formula excludes $1.71 \times \text{Professional / paraprofessional benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent.
- If a school board does not employ a Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching (TELT) Contact Lead, the school board's PLG funding formula excludes $1.0 \times \text{Information Technology benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent.
- If a school board does not employ an Indigenous Education Lead, the school board's PLG funding formula excludes $0.5 \times \text{SO benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent and this amount must be reported and spent under the BAP Allocation.
- If a school board does not employ a School Effectiveness Lead, the board's PLG funding formula excludes $1.0 \times \text{SO benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent if the school board's elementary ADE is $\leq 85,000$; and $2.0 \times \text{SO benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent if the school board's elementary ADE is $> 85,000$.
- If a school board does not employ a Student Success Lead, the school board's PLG funding formula excludes $1.0 \times \text{SO benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent.
- If a school board does not employ an Early Years Lead, the school board's PLG funding formula excludes $1.0 \times \text{SO benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent if the school board's ADE is $\leq 72,000$; $1.5 \times \text{SO benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent if the school board's ADE is $> 72,000$ and $\leq 115,000$; $2.0 \times \text{SO benchmark} + 10.44$ per cent if the school board's ADE is $> 115,000$ and $\leq 150,000$; $3.0 \times \text{SO benchmark} +$

10.44 per cent if the school board's ADE is > 150,000 and ≤ 200,000; and 4.0 x SO benchmark + 10.44 per cent if the school board's ADE is > 200,000.

School Board Administration and Governance

The school board administration and governance enveloping provision requires that a school board's net administration and governance expenses in a fiscal year not exceed the limit.

The school board administration and governance enveloping provision limit includes funding provided through the School Board Administration and Governance Grant (excluding Internal Audit, External Audit and the Curriculum and Assessment Implementation Allocations and expenses), minus both the public sector compensation restraint amount and the International Student Recovery Amount, plus a portion of other GSN grants that support expenditures for school board administration, including the following:

- Elementary supervision, professional development and broadband continuous improvement components of the Pupil Foundation Grant
- Parent Engagement Allocation
- Areas of Intervention component of the FSL Allocation
- French-language equivalence component of the Remote and Rural Allocation
- RNEF Allocation
- Broadband Continuous Improvement Top-up Allocation
- Mental Health and Well-Being Grant
- NTIP Allocation, Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation, and other components of the Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications and Experience Grant¹
- Supports for Students Fund
- Declining Enrolment Adjustment
- CPC Amount of the School Operations Allocation
- Non-Instructional Spaces Amount of the School Operations Allocation

A school board's net administration and governance expenses are determined based on those expenses after deducting non-GSN revenues, including deferred revenues recognized as revenues in the fiscal year, spent on school board administration and

¹ Includes Crown contribution and stabilization adjustment for benefits trusts amount, the sick leave credit gratuities re-payment amount, the professional development amount, and the funding for maternity leave, sick leave and short-term sick leave and disability plans.

governance expenditures (minus expenditures related to Internal Audit and Curriculum and Assessment Implementation).

School Renewal Allocation

The School Renewal Allocation establishes the minimum that each school board must spend on facility repair and maintenance. These funds are restricted to ensure that school boards dedicate the resources provided for major repairs and renewal of schools.

While this funding is intended primarily for expenditures that are in general capitalized, school boards have had significant flexibility on how this is done – whether through larger repairs, major renovation, or the replacement of aged building systems and components. Unspent funds in any particular year from this allocation must be reported as deferred revenue. This deferred revenue may be brought into revenue or in a deferred capital account (deferred capital contribution) in the future as school boards incur expenditures to ensure the physical integrity and safety of school buildings. All expenditures must be reported in VFA.facility.

As of 2014–15, any increase in the amount of school renewal funding directed towards operating expenses, under this allocation, will be limited to an additional 5 per cent of each school board’s historical three-year average amount spent on operating (using the 2010–11, 2011–12 and 2012–13 school years). This is to ensure that part of this funding continues to be used for depreciable type expenses.

School Condition Improvement (SCI)

School boards are expected to use the SCI amount on expenditures categorized in the ministry’s [Uniform Code of Accounts](#) as a renewal expenditure. Further, the expenditure must meet the requirements to be capitalized under the terms of the document entitled [School Board and School Authority Tangible Capital Assets: Provincial Accounting Policies and Implementation Guide](#). All expenditures must be reported in VFA.facility.

Capital Projects

All expenditures incurred by school boards within their individual remaining spending room under the program are restricted to the approved projects meeting the conditions under that program.

Early Years and Child Care Capital

School boards are responsible and will be held accountable for implementing appropriate measures to ensure that the project cost and scope are within the approved funding and does not exceed the ministry's cost and space benchmarks. EYCP funding allocations school boards receive can only be used to address capital costs related to the creation of child care and/or EarlyON child and family program rooms.

Eligible capital expenses include the following:

- first-time equipping
- expenses incurred to meet *Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014* (CCEYA) (for child cares only)
- expenses incurred to meet Building Code standards, that qualify under the [*School Board and School Authority Tangible Capital Assets: Provincial Accounting Policies and Implementation Guide*](#)

The ministry expects school boards and Consolidated Municipal Service Managers / District Social Services Administration Boards (CMSMs/DSSABs) to work towards having programs up and running by the planned timelines to support the local early years service plan.

Minor Tangible Capital Assets and Interest on Capital Debt

The operating grants provided under the GSN includes funding to purchase certain furniture and equipment (F&E) that are of a capital nature and are required to be capitalized in accordance with the [*School Board and School Authority Tangible Capital Assets: Provincial Accounting Policies and Implementation Guide*](#). A portion of the total operating allocation will be identified to be applied first to those F&E capital purchases. Any residual amount will be used for general operating purposes.

Interest on capital debt includes interest on long-term debt that relates to capital spending on supported capital programs as well as interest on related spending that are not permanently financed. The [*School Board and School Authority Tangible Capital Assets: Provincial Accounting Policies and Implementation Guide*](#) requires school boards to capitalize interest costs on capital asset expenditures where the assets are not yet in service. In light of the reporting requirements, the allocation for interest on capital debt will be applied first to interest costs that are capitalized, and any residual amount will be reported as operating revenue to be used against operating expenses.

Provincial Transfers

The provincial share of education funding is calculated by deducting each school board's revenue from property taxes from the total funding allocation determined by the education funding formulas. Tax revenue is based on 38 per cent of the 2023 calendar year property taxes and 62 per cent of the 2024 calendar year property taxes, plus 2023 supplementary taxes less 2023 tax write-offs.

The expenses of a school board that are not incurred in a fiscal year by reason of strike affecting the operations of the school board will be recovered by the Province. The amount is equal to the “strike savings” less the “eligible expenses” incurred by the school board and approved by the Minister. The Minister shall approve expenses if they are necessarily incurred by the school board in connection with the strike and the amount of those expenses is reasonable in the circumstances. For additional information please see memorandum [2022: SB34 “Costs Not Incurred as a Result of Strikes and Eligible Expenses Resulting from Labour Disruptions.”](#)

For school boards that include territory without municipal organization, the ministry will permit these school boards to deduct actual costs for trustee elections from property tax revenue. School boards are encouraged to enter into partnerships with other school boards or adjacent municipalities to run elections efficiently.

Provincial Funding and Property Taxes

Education funding determines each school board's overall funding allocation. Property tax revenue provides a part of the allocation, and the Province of Ontario provides additional funding up to the level set by the education funding formulas.

The government sets a uniform tax rate, based on a current-value assessment system, for all residential properties. The government also sets property tax rates for business properties.

Appendix A – Acronyms

ABA	Applied Behaviour Analysis
ADE	Average daily enrolment (Day-School ADE unless otherwise specified)
ALF	Actualisation linguistique en français
ARC	Accommodation Review Committee
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
ASSD	After-School Skills Development
BA	Bankers' acceptance rates
BAP	Board Action Plan (on Indigenous Education)
BCF	Broader Community Factor (within the Language Grant)
BEA	Behaviour Expertise Amount
CCEYA	<i>Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014</i>
CMSM	Consolidated Municipal Service Manager
CPC	Capital Planning Capacity
CS	Conseil scolaire (within school board name)
CSCD	Conseil scolaire catholique de district (within school board name)
CSD	Census sub-division
CSP	Conseil scolaire public (within school board name)
CSDC	Conseil scolaire de district catholique (within school board name)
CUS	Community Use of Schools
DEA	Declining Enrolment Adjustment
DELL	Diversity in English-Language Learners
DSB	District school board
DSENA	Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount
DSSAB	District Social Services Administration Board
EARSL	Expected Average Remaining Service Life
ECE	Early childhood educator
ECIS	Education Capital Information System
EFIS	Education Financial Information System
ELHT	Employee Life and Health Trust
ECPP	Education and Community Partnership Program (Allocation)
EL	Experiential Learning
ESL/ELD	English as a Second Language/ English Literacy Development
F&E	Furniture and equipment
FBA	Funded Board Administration (staff)
FFL	French as a First Language
FSL	French as a Second Language
FTE	Full-time equivalent

GAF	Geographic Adjustment Factor
GFA	Gross floor area
GPL	Good Places to Learn
GSN	Grants for Student Needs
HR	Human Resources
HST	Harmonized Sales Tax
IILE	International and Indigenous Languages, Elementary
ISNC	Integrated Services for Northern Children
ISRA	International Student Recovery Amount
IT	Information technology
JK	Junior Kindergarten
LICO	Low Income Cut-Off
LOG	Learning Opportunities Grant
LTO	Long-term occasional teachers
MISA	Managing Information for Student Achievement
MOV	Measures of Variability
NHS	National Household Survey (2011)
NPP	New Pupil Places
NTIP	New Teacher Induction Program
O&R	(School Facility) Operations and Renewal
OECM	Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace
OFA	Ontario Financing Authority
OnSIS	Ontario School Information System
OSSD	Ontario Secondary School Diploma
OTG	On-the-ground capacity
OTPP	Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan
PANA	Programme d'appui aux nouveaux arrivants
PD	Professional development
PIC	Parent Involvement Committee
PLAR	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition
PLG	Program Leadership Grant
PPA	Per-Pupil Amount (within the Indigenous Education Grant)
PPF	Priorities and Partnerships Funding
PRO	Parents Reaching Out
PSAB	Public Sector Accounting Board
Q&E	Qualifications and Experience
RIAT	Regional Internal Audit Team
RNEF	Rural and Northern Education Fund
SAF	Supplementary Area Factor
SBCBA	<i>School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, 2014</i>
SCI	School Condition Improvement

SEA	Special Equipment Amount
SEF	School Effectiveness Framework
SEPPA	Special Education Per-Pupil Amount
SESPM	Special Education Statistical Prediction Model
SFIS	School Facility Inventory System
SHSM	Specialist High Skills Major
SIP	Special Incidence Portion
SO	Supervisory officer
SSF	Supports for Students Fund
SK	Senior Kindergarten
STEM	Science, technology, engineering and math
TCA	Tangible capital assets
TELT	Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching (Contact Lead within PLG)
TSS	Targeted Student Supports (Envelope)
VLE	Virtual Learning Environment