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OPSBA Review of 2018-19 Grants for Student Needs (GSN)

On March 26, 2018, the Ministry of Education released [memorandum B06](#) which includes information about the Ministry of Education's GSN funding for 2018-19. Investments in Ontario's publicly-funded education system continue to increase, with total funding expected to increase from \$23.91 billion in 2017-18 to \$24.53 Billion in 2018-19. Per-pupil funding is projected to increase in 2018-19 to \$12,300.

New key investments for 2018-19 include:

- \$72 million in special education to address the current waitlist for assessments and increase services through multi-disciplinary teams and other staffing resources
- \$30 million increase to the Special Incidence Portion allocation, to support students with extraordinary high needs to be successful in school
- \$46 million to support more than 450 additional teachers who will help Grade 7 and 8 students engage in career and pathways planning that will prepare them for success in high school and beyond
- \$10 million for demographic and growth adjustments through the Diversity in English Language Learners (formerly Pupils in Canada) component within the Language Grant
- \$24.5 million, growing to \$49.5 million in 2019-20, to fund approximately 180 mental health workers in 2018-19 and 400 in 2019-20.

Additional announcements included:

- Continued implementation of 2017-19 central labour agreements including salary benchmark increase, community use of schools, class size investments, ELHT transformation & local priorities funding
- Program Leadership Allocation – leads in areas of mental health, TELT, Indigenous Education, student success, school effectiveness & early years
- Trustee Honoraria – including establishment of working group and a \$400 increase to base honorarium
- Expansion of new teacher induction program
- Indigenous Education – enveloping of board action plan funding
- Literacy & math outside the school day allocation
- 4% increase in student transportation funding
- 2% increase in school operations funding re: utilities, insurance & other costs

- Continuation of rural & northern education fund
- Phase-in of 2011 census & national household survey data
- School bus safety training
- Cash management strategy

Capital

- Continuation of:
 - School condition improvement with investment of \$1.4 billion
 - Greenhouse gas reduction fund with investment of \$100 million
 - School renewal allocation
 - Capital planning capacity funding
 - Joint use funding supports
- Early years capital