

February 14, 2022

Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

From: Nancy Naylor
Deputy Minister

Subject: **Ministry Communications to District School Boards
– February 2022**

Thank you for your ongoing support and leadership to submit regular reporting and communication requests from the ministry.

Last month, school boards received the first consolidated message from the ministry collating various communications intended for all district school boards, as well as those addressed to specific boards participating in ministry initiatives. The intention was not to single out particular boards but to support boards by reducing multiple communications from the ministry.

We continue to streamline our communications to boards and will aim for further and more substantial refinements in how we communicate, share and request information.

Please see directly below for the ministry communications intended for all School Boards for February 2022. The bottom of this email contains a list of targeted communications for specific boards.

Ministry Communications to All District School Boards

Please click on the links to read the full memo where applicable.

1. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP-CVRIS) – COVID 19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

Thank you for completing your November 30, 2021 Progress Report for the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) approved projects, which covered project spending up to August 31, 2021.

To support the Ministry's project management and communications efforts around these important infrastructure projects, we are requesting a completion status update (but no financial info) for projects previously estimated to be complete by January 31, 2022.

In the attached [pre-populated worksheet](#)

- Column J: Confirm whether each project is complete by selecting “Yes” or “No”.
- Column K: Update the completion date if “No” was selected in Column J.

Completed worksheets should be submitted to Capital.PolicyBranch@ontario.ca by March 1, 2022.

2. 2021-22 Student Transportation Grant In-Year Adjustment for Fuel-Related Costs

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the 2021-22 Student Transportation Grant.

3. 2022 Election Deadline Extension for Certain Student Trustees

The deadline for the election of student trustees serving one-year terms has been extended from the last day of February to April 30, 2022.

4. Use of the Truncated Student Safety Plan and General Safety Plan

ADM memo and [training materials](#) developed by the Ministry in consultation with the Provincial Working Group for Health and Safety.

5. Attestation and Tax Compliance Status in TPON

The Ministry of Education is planning to roll out amendments to PPF and COVID-19 transfer payment agreements in early March.

[Instructions on completing the tax compliance verification check](#) and attestation to good labour and environmental practices.

6. 2022-23 CAEAS-ECAB funding for ONE-T

Information on benefits funding for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years for non-unionized employees represented by the Education Council of Associations for Benefits / Conseil des associations en éducation pour les avantages sociaux (CAEAS-ECAB) and the conditions to receive funding.

7. 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

As we approach the submission deadline for your 2022-2023 School Year Calendar, we hope that the process is going well within your board. We would like to offer you a gentle reminder that, as per [Regulation 304, School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days](#), the deadline for the submission of both regular and modified school year calendars is March 1, 2022. Please note that PA day descriptions are due on or before August 15, 2022.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the school year calendar, please do not hesitate to contact your regional office.

Ministry Messages Targeted to District School Boards

Please click on the link on any messages that list your District School Board.

8. COVID-19 Pulse Survey

On January 28, 2022, the ministry asked school boards to complete and submit the COVID-19 Pulse Survey by February 15, 2022.

The ministry has not yet received a response from the school boards noted below. Please visit the link above to complete the survey.

Recognizing that boards are busy, boards that do not submit final information by noon on Friday, February 18, 2022 will have their previous responses copied over for their February survey responses. We are happy to work with you in order to complete the survey, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to support.

We have also reattached the [step-by-step user guide](#) for completing the survey. This user guide provides an overview of the questions, along with supporting descriptions and definitions.

The ministry looks forward to continuing to support you and your teams. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact: Sarah Dunsford at Sarah.Dunsford@ontario.ca.

- Algoma District School Board
- Avon Maitland District School Board
- Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
- Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board
- CDSB of Eastern Ontario
- Conseil scolaire catholique Providence
- CS Viamonde
- CSC Franco-Nord
- CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario
- CSDC des Aurores boréales
- Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
- Durham Catholic District School Board
- Durham District School Board
- Grand Erie District School Board
- Halton Catholic District School Board
- Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
- Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board
- Huron Perth Catholic District School Board
- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

- Lambton Kent District School Board
- London Catholic District School Board
- Near North District School Board
- Niagara Catholic District School Board
- Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
- Northeastern Catholic District School Board
- Peel District School Board
- Rainy River District School Board
- Renfrew County District School Board
- Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
- St Clair Catholic District School Board
- Thames Valley District School Board
- Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Toronto District School Board
- Trillium Lakelands District School Board
- Upper Canada District School Board
- Upper Grand District School Board
- Waterloo Region District School Board
- Wellington Catholic District School Board
- Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board
- York Catholic District School Board

9. Broadband Modernization Program (BMP)

The Broadband Modernization Program aims to provide access to reliable, fast, secure and affordable internet services to all students and educators in all regions across Ontario – including those in rural and northern communities. The new transfer payment agreement will support broadband modernization implementation at Lakehead District School Board.

The transfer payment agreement for the identified school board will be available in Transfer Payment Ontario.

10. K-12 Cyber Protection Strategy (CPS) Pilot

The K-12 Cyber Protection Strategy Pilot aims to help reduce the cyber security, cyber safety and privacy risks facing school boards, students and educators. The new K-12 Cyber Protection Strategy Pilot transfer payment agreement will support implementation of a cyber hub pilot to help improve the cyber resilience of participating school boards.

The transfer payment agreement for the identified school boards will be available in Transfer Payment Ontario.

- Limestone District School Board
- Peel District School Board
- Wellington Catholic District School Board

11. Board Human Rights and Anti-Racism Initiatives Relating to Indigenous Students, Staff and Families

Further to your conversation in October 2021 with Christine Dokis, Director of Education of the Kinooaadziwin Education Body and Assistant Deputy Minister Patrick Case of the Education Equity Secretariat, here is a link to a memo asking your board to describe initiatives that address human rights and racism relating to Indigenous students, staff, and families.

- Superior-Greenstone District School Board
- Superior North Catholic District School Board
- Rainbow District School Board
- Sudbury Catholic District School Board
- Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario
- Algoma District School Board
- Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
- Near North District School Board
- Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
- Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
- Conseil scolaire de district catholique Franco-Nord
- Conseil scolaire de district du Nord-Est de l'Ontario
- St. Clair Catholic District School Board
- Lambton-Kent District School Board
- York Region District School Board
- Simcoe County District School Board
- Durham District School Board
- Thames Valley District School Board
- London District Catholic School Board

12. 2021 - 22 Education and Community Partnership Programs (ECP)

A number of boards still need to submit the Fall/Winter Revised Forecast for Education and Community Partnership Programs (ECP) for the 2021-22 school year that were due January 31, 2022. This data is to conclude the 2021-22 ECP allocation process, as well as to be used to prepopulate the 2022-23 school year applications. Please submit any outstanding Fall/Winter Revised Forecasts as soon as possible. School boards can [access the applications](#) on the Ministry of Education's Education and Community Partnership Program (ECP) webpage.

- Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
- Ottawa Catholic District School Board
- Renfrew County District School Board
- Upper Canada District School Board
- Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Toronto District School Board
- Viamonde
- Trillium Lakelands District School Board
- Peel District School Board

- Avon Maitland District School Board
- CSC Providence
- Huron Perth Catholic District School Board
- Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Grandes Rivières
- District School Board Ontario North East
- Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board
- Near North District School Board
- Nipissing-Parry Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
- Rainbow District School Board
- Sudbury Catholic District School Board
- Keewatin-Patricia District School Board
- Kenora Catholic District School Board
- Lakehead District School Board
- Rainy River District School Board
- Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board