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Memorandum To: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers/Secretary Treasurers of District
School Authorities
Executive Director, Provincial and Demonstration Schools

From: Bruce Rodrigues
Deputy Minister

Date: May 8, 2018

Subject: Supporting Schools – Recreational Cannabis Legalization:
Revised Board Funding Allocations and Resources for
Parents/Guardians, Educators and Youth

Further to the memo sent on March 26, 2018 about the Ministry of Education's plans to prepare the sector in advance of legalization of recreational cannabis, I am writing to provide you with an update on board allocations for the 2018-19 school year and information about newly released resources to support parents/guardians, educators and youth.

Please note that the funding allocations outlined in Appendix A have been revised. The funding allocations outlined in the previous version of this memo, dated May 2, 2018, were based on incorrect calculations.

Funding for School Boards

As indicated in the March 26, 2018 memo, the ministry has committed to providing \$2.8 million in the 2018-19 school year, to develop resources and provide supports for the education sector. Of this new funding, \$2.43 million will be allocated directly to school boards to support their specific training needs. This funding is in addition to the \$49 million allocated to school boards to promote student well-being, over the next three years.

This funding is intended to support training for school and system leaders, including directors of education, supervisory officers, and principals/vice-principals, so that they are prepared to support schools and students. The funding may also be used to support capacity building for educators and other school staff, to increase awareness about recreational cannabis. This funding will be flexible in nature and will allow school boards to develop their own specific training plans to meet local needs. Training could include webinars, workshops, and e-learning modules, and can employ a variety of approaches, such as a train-the-trainer model. School boards will also be able to repurpose the resources outlined below. For a detailed list of board allocations, please refer to Appendix A.

In addition to the \$2.43 million allocated for school boards, the ministry will also provide funding to School Mental Health ASSIST to develop mental health-linked resources and training for school board mental health leaders.

Resources

The ministry has developed resources for parents/guardians, educators, and youth to increase awareness about cannabis, prevent and/or delay cannabis use among youth, promote healthy decision-making and student safety, and prepare the education sector for cannabis legalization.

The materials below are part of the first phase of [resources to the sector](#). They include:

- A [fact sheet for parents/guardians and caregivers](#), with evidence-based information on cannabis, developed in collaboration with CAMH and School Mental Health ASSIST.
- A [fact sheet for educators](#) that focuses on the implications for their work including changes to the *Education Act* and to the *Ontario Code of Conduct*.
- A [resource for youth](#) that provides factual information grounded in harm reduction and highlights risks of use/misuse, developed in collaboration with Kids Help Phone.

For general information and updates about legalization of recreational cannabis in Ontario, please see www.ontario.ca/cannabis, which contains links to additional information and resources.

We hope this information will assist with your local planning as you prepare for the legalization of recreational cannabis.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Debbie Thompson, Director, Safe and Healthy Schools Branch at 416-325-7645 or Debbie.Thompson@ontario.ca.

Thank you for supporting the health and safety of Ontario students.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Rodrigues". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

Bruce Rodrigues
Deputy Minister

cc: Trustee Associations

Attachments: Appendix A –Board Funding to Prepare for Recreational Cannabis Legalization (revised)

**Appendix A – Board Funding to Prepare for Recreational Cannabis Legalization
(revised May 8, 2018)**

DSB Name	Revised Total
Algoma DSB	\$19,700.00
Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic DSB	\$17,600.00
Avon Maitland DSB	\$21,200.00
Bluewater DSB	\$22,350.00
Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic DSB	\$15,450.00
Bruce-Grey Catholic DSB	\$7,550.00
Catholic DSB of Eastern Ontario	\$20,450.00
CÉP de l'Est de l'Ontario	\$24,700.00
CS catholique MonAvenir	\$27,300.00
CS catholique Providence	\$16,100.00
CS Viamonde	\$24,300.00
CSD catholique de l'Est ontarien	\$17,400.00
CSD catholique des Aurores boréales	\$5,100.00
CSD catholique des Grandes Rivières	\$13,900.00
CSD catholique du Centre-Est de l'Ontario	\$29,750.00
CSD catholique du Nouvel-Ontario	\$15,900.00
CSD catholique Franco-Nord	\$7,350.00
CSD du Nord-Est de l'Ontario	\$7,500.00
CSP du Grand Nord de l'Ontario	\$8,550.00
DSB of Niagara	\$43,650.00
DSB Ontario North East	\$14,500.00
Dufferin-Peel Catholic DSB	\$82,500.00
Durham Catholic DSB	\$25,450.00
Durham DSB	\$74,800.00
Grand Erie DSB	\$34,550.00
Greater Essex County DSB	\$36,850.00
Halton Catholic DSB	\$33,600.00
Halton DSB	\$65,500.00
Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic DSB	\$29,450.00
Hamilton-Wentworth DSB	\$53,100.00
Hastings and Prince Edward DSB	\$21,200.00
Huron Perth Catholic DSB	\$8,800.00
Huron-Superior Catholic DSB	\$9,850.00
Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB	\$40,300.00
Keewatin-Patricia DSB	\$11,050.00
Kenora Catholic DSB	\$4,350.00

DSB Name	Revised Total
Lakehead DSB	\$13,850.00
Lambton Kent DSB	\$29,600.00
Limestone DSB	\$27,800.00
London District Catholic School Board	\$25,400.00
Near North DSB	\$16,650.00
Niagara Catholic DSB	\$25,950.00
Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB	\$6,950.00
Northeastern Catholic DSB	\$7,150.00
Northwest Catholic DSB	\$4,350.00
Ottawa Catholic DSB	\$49,050.00
Ottawa-Carleton DSB	\$76,100.00
Peel DSB	\$153,450.00
Peterborough V N C Catholic DSB	\$19,100.00
Rainbow DSB	\$20,700.00
Rainy River DSB	\$7,500.00
Renfrew County Catholic DSB	\$10,200.00
Renfrew County DSB	\$14,150.00
Simcoe County DSB	\$55,850.00
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB	\$24,850.00
St. Clair Catholic DSB	\$13,800.00
Sudbury Catholic DSB	\$10,750.00
Superior North Catholic DSB	\$5,150.00
Superior-Greenstone DSB	\$6,850.00
Thames Valley DSB	\$77,150.00
Thunder Bay Catholic DSB	\$11,250.00
Toronto Catholic DSB	\$97,100.00
Toronto DSB	\$297,800.00
Trillium Lakelands DSB	\$23,300.00
Upper Canada DSB	\$43,100.00
Upper Grand DSB	\$39,050.00
Waterloo Catholic DSB	\$25,000.00
Waterloo Region DSB	\$64,900.00
Wellington Catholic DSB	\$11,450.00
Windsor-Essex Catholic DSB	\$23,500.00
York Catholic DSB	\$53,700.00
York Region DSB	\$119,150.00
Total for 72 District School Boards	\$2,423,300.00
Total for School Authorities	\$10,000
Total with School Authorities	\$2,433,300.00