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TITLE OF REPORT:	Grants for Student Needs Overview
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Purpose:	To provide an overview on the Grants for Student Needs funding to the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee.
Content:	<p>Each year, the Ministry of Education provides funding to school boards through a series of grants, Grants for Student Needs (GSN). The attached report provides an overview of the Grants for Student Needs based on the 2022-23 release. Announcement of the 2023-24 GSN is expected in the spring.</p> <p>The attached report includes funding amounts and percentages. These values are based on the approved 2022-23 Budget.</p>
Financial Implications:	
Timeline:	
Communications:	
Appendices:	Grants for Student Needs presentation

Strategic Priority Area(s):

Relationships:

- Students, families and staff are welcomed, respected and valued as partners.
- Promote and build connections to foster mutually respectful communication among students, families, staff and the broader community.
- Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

Equity and Diversity:

- Create opportunities for equitable access to programs and services for students.
- Students and all partners feel heard, valued and supported.
- Programs and services embrace the culture and diversity of students and all partners.

Achievement and Well-Being:

- More students demonstrate growth and achieve student learning outcomes with a specific focus on numeracy and literacy.
 - Staff will demonstrate excellence in instructional practices.
 - Enhance the safety and well-being of students and staff.
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Grants for Student Needs

February 14, 2023

Education Funding Overview

- Ministry allocates funding to school boards through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN)
- Funding can be generated on a per-pupil, per-school, or per-board basis depending on structure of grant
- Two major components of the GSN
 - The Foundation Grants – covers the basic costs of an educational experience that is common to all students, largely based on overall student enrolment
 - The Supplemental Grants – address the unique needs of students, schools and school boards related to location, student and school needs, and a board's demographic profile

Education Funding Overview

- Major sources of funding for school boards

- 96.1% Ministry funding through the Grants for Student Needs (GSN)
 - GSN funding is prescribed by the Ministry of Education
 - Cash flow is split between the Ministry of Education and Municipalities through municipal taxes but total funding not affected
- 0.8% Ministry Funding through Priorities and Partnerships Funding
- 0.5% Tuition Fees and Indigenous Education Services Agreements
- 2.6% Other organizations, other provincial ministries, federal grants, other revenues

100%

Accountability Framework

- Conditions vary widely across Ontario and therefore there is flexibility in use of funding, within the over-all accountability framework.
- The framework includes:
 - Legislative requirements, such as the provision that school boards balance their budgets
 - Class size regulations
 - Enveloping – certain grants to be used only for the purpose intended
 - Program/grant specific reporting requirements

Enrolment

key driver of GSN funding

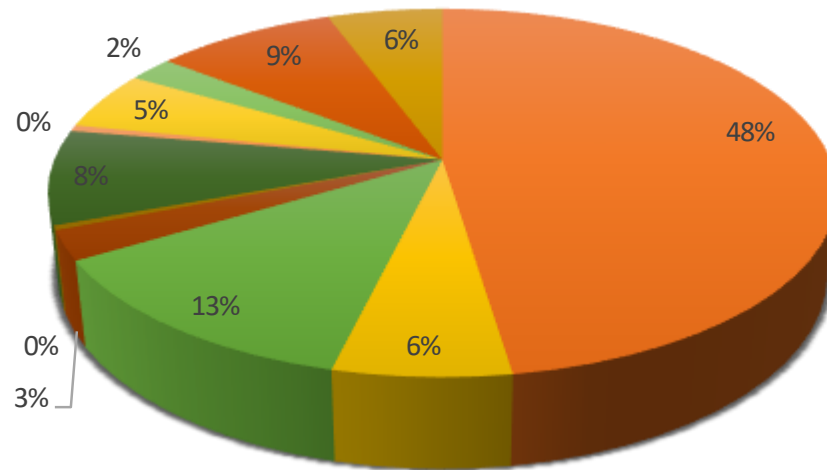
- Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) is based on two count dates: October 31 and March 31
- Full-time Equivalent (FTE) are weighted at 0.5 for each of the count dates
- Report on projected 2023-24 enrolment expected in April

Grants for Student Needs – Key Grants

- Pupil Foundation Grant
 - Supports classroom education
- School Foundation Grant
 - Supports salaries and benefits of Principals, VPs, secretaries, supplies for school administration, library staff and parent engagement
- Supplemental Grants
 - Funds a variety of programs and initiatives

Grants for Student Needs

2022-23 Operating Grant Allocations - \$980,253,930



- Pupil Foundation - \$466.8M
- School Foundation - \$60.5M
- Special Education - \$123.5M
- Language - \$25.4M
- Continuing Education - \$3.9M
- Cost Adjustment and Teacher Qualifications - \$81.2M
- Cost Adjustment, ECE Qualifications - \$5.3M
- Transportation - \$50.5M
- Administration and Governance - \$21.6M
- School Operations - \$86.5M
- Other - \$55.1M

Grants for Student Needs

Pupil Foundation Grant

2022-23 \$466.8M

- A per-pupil allocation that supports the elements of a classroom education that are required by all students
- Supports classroom components in the areas of:
 - Classroom Teachers
 - Preparation Time
 - Specialist / Student Success Teachers
 - Early Childhood Educators
 - Library and Guidance Services
 - Preparing for Success in High School:
Guidance Teacher
 - Classroom Consultants
 - Supply Teachers
 - Supply Early Childhood Educators
 - Educational Assistants
 - Professionals / Para-professionals
 - Elementary Supervision
 - Department Heads
 - Textbooks and Learning materials
 - Classroom Supplies
 - Classroom Computers
 - Student Technological Devices
 - Broadband Network Operations

Grants for Student Needs

School Foundation Grant

2022-23 \$60.5M

- Supports costs of in-school administration and leadership, as well as targeted library staff for elementary schools and parent engagement
 - Salaries and benefits for principals, vice-principals and secretaries
 - Library Staff Amount
 - Parent Engagement Allocation provides funding to support the parent engagement activities of the board's parent involvement committee, school councils and, and the parents of the school

GSN – Supplemental Grants

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| ■ Special Education | 2022-23 | \$123.5M |
| ■ Special Education per pupil Amount (SEPPA) | | |
| ■ Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA) | | |
| ■ Special Equipment Amount (SEA) | | |
| ■ Special Incidence Portion (SIP) | | |
| ■ Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP) | | |
| ■ Behaviour Expertise Allocation (BEA) | | |

***These grants can only be spent on special education expenses.**

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Special Education

- **Special Education Per Pupil Amount (SEPPA)** 2022-23 \$66.4M
 - Provides foundational funding towards the cost of special education supports
 - Recognizes the cost of providing additional assistance to the majority of students with special education needs
 - Based on a per-pupil amount, total enrolment of all students, not just students with special education needs

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Special Education

■ Differentiated Special Education Needs Amount (DSENA)

2022-23 \$45.9M

- Addresses the variation among school boards with respect to their population of students with special education needs and the boards' ability to support these needs
- Not enrolment based - complex calculation at Ministry level as part of the GSN regulation table
- Allocation is made up of five components:
 - Special Education Statistical Prediction Model
 - Measures of Variability
 - Base amount for Collaboration and Integration
 - Multi-Disciplinary Support Amount
 - Local Special Education Priorities Amount

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Special Education

- **Special Equipment Amount (SEA)** 2022-23 \$4.7M
 - Base amount plus a per-pupil amount
 - Funding for computers, software and other personal equipment for students with special education needs
 - Claims based amount
 - Provides funding for the purchases of other non-computer based equipment

- **Special Incidence Portion (SIP)** 2022-23 \$1.2M
 - Supports for students who require more than two full-time staff
 - Address health and safety concerns of both the student and others at their school
 - SIP claims are submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Special Education

■ Education and Community Partnership Program (ECPP)

2022-23 \$4.2M

- Government approved care and/or treatment, custody and correctional facilities
- Funding based on an approval process

■ Behaviour Expertise Amount (BEA)

2022-23 \$1.1M

- Funding to hire board-level staff with Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) expertise professionals, including Board Certified Behaviour Analysts (BCBAs), to provide training opportunities that 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

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Language Grant

- **French as a Second Language (FSL)** 2022-23 \$11.4M
 - supports the cost of French instruction
 - Provides a per-pupil amount for each student enrolled in FSL
 - Areas of Intervention component – enveloped amount

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Language Grant

- **English as a Second Language/English Literacy Development Allocation**

2022-23 \$14.0M

- Recent Immigrant component – supports students who are eligible based on their country of birth and who have been in Canada four years or less
- Recent Immigrant Supplement – time-limited funding introduced in 2021-22 and continued into 2022-23 to address the extraordinary and temporary decline in recent immigrant enrolment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Continuation of this funding for 2023-24 is unknown at this time
- Diversity in English Language Learners (DELL) – uses census data as a proxy measure of ESL/ELD need for pupils who are not recent immigrants, but whose language spoken most often at home is neither English nor French

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Indigenous Education Grant

Three allocations to support programs and initiatives to support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students, also building the knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous histories, cultures, perspectives and contributions

- **Indigenous Languages Allocation** 2022-23 \$263K
 - Supports elementary and secondary Indigenous Language Programs
 - Funding based on the number of pupils enrolled

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Indigenous Education Grant

- **First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies Allocation** 2022-23 \$618K
 - Supports secondary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies courses on a per-pupil amount for Grade 9 to 12 students
- **Board Action Plan (BAP) Allocation** 2022-23 \$582K
 - Reflects the estimated percentage of Indigenous students in a board's schools, based on census data
 - This allocation is enveloped

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Learning Opportunities (LOG) – provides funding for a range of programs to help students who are at greater risk of poor academic achievement, including providing supports for de-streaming, leaving recovery programming and supports that are responsive to the challenges that students may continue to experience as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

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| ■ Demographic allocation | 2022-23 | \$13.4M |
| ■ Largest portion of LOG funding | | |
| ■ Based on social and economic indicators that are associated with students having a higher risk of academic difficulty | | |
| ■ Derived from 2006 census data | | |

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Learning Opportunities (LOG)

- **Targeted Student Supports Envelope** – includes four allocations
 - **Literacy and Math Outside the School Day** 2022-23 \$402K
 - funding for additional supports to enhance the literacy and math skills of students facing barriers to meeting the curriculum standards and/or the requirements of the secondary school literacy graduation requirement
 - **Student Success, Grade 7 to 12** 2022-23 \$2.0M
 - to create more equitable outcomes for students and assist students who may not otherwise reach their full potential for achievement and well being
 - **Grade 7 and 8 Student Success and Literacy and Numeracy Teachers** 2022-23 \$983K
 - to support the costs of Grade 7 and 8 Student Success and literacy and numeracy teachers
 - **Tutoring** 2022-23 \$342K
 - supports boards in initiating and expanding before and after school, weekend, and summer tutoring programs

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Learning Opportunities (LOG)

- **Experiential Learning Envelope** – includes three allocations
 - **Specialist High Skills Major** **2022-23 \$833K**
 - allows students to customize their education to suit their interests and needs, by focusing their learning on a particular economic sector, and potential future career
 - **Experiential Learning** **2022-23 \$315K**
 - funding for staffing, supports and opportunities for students to participate in learning experiences connected to a community or economic sector, reflect on those experiences, and then apply their learning in various aspects of their lives, including education and career/life planning
 - **Outdoor Education** **2022-23 \$700K**
 - funding to provide elementary and secondary students with learning experiences in the outdoors

School boards must use the LOG allocations only for these programs

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Mental Health and Well-Being Grant

- Provides funding:
 - For frontline mental health workers in secondary schools to provide direct service
 - To reduce wait times
 - To improve access to critical services
 - To strengthen positive school climates that support the continued learning and well-being of students who are suspended/expelled or at risk of being suspended/expelled
 - Targeted funding for select secondary schools in priority urban neighbourhoods

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Mental Health and Well-Being Grant – continued

- **Mental Health Workers Allocation** **2022-23** **\$688K**
 - supports overall student mental health, ensures the best outcomes for students and their families
- **Supporting Student Mental Health Allocation** **2022-23** **\$846K**
 - to foster the learning and well-being of students
- **Well-Being and Positive School Climates Allocation** **2022-23** **\$103K**
 - supports boards in meeting local needs and priorities that promote and support well-being and inclusive education, including strengthening positive school climates

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Mental Health and Well-Being Grant – continued

- **Safe and Accepting Schools Allocation** **2022-23 \$1.6M**
 - includes a Professional Staff Support Component and a Prevention and Program Support Component
- **Urban and Priority High Schools** **2022-23 \$1.0M**
 - helps boards respond to challenges in select secondary schools
- **Student Mental Well-Being Allocation** **2022-23 \$376K**
 - to foster resilience and mental well-being for students, supporting the use of evidence based mental health programs and resources used by school boards

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Continuing Education and Other Programs

2022-23 \$3.1M

- Adult Day School – students who are at least 21 \$11K
- High Credit – for non-exempt students who have completed more than 34 credits who are attending day school \$568K
- Continuing Education \$2.4M
- Summer School \$140K

The items above are funded on enrolment per program times the Con Ed benchmark of \$3,611 (22/23) per ADE

- Adult Day School/Continuing Education Supplement \$916K
- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) – a formal evaluation and accreditation process for mature students \$52K
- International Student Recovery Amount - reduction based on the ADE of fee-paying international visa students, \$1,300 per ADE (\$256K)
- International and Indigenous Languages amount \$65K

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Cost Adjustment and Qualification and Experience – Teachers and ECE's – provides for a variety of compensation related funding adjustments

- Teacher/ECE Qualification and Experience **2022-23** **\$71.4M**
 - recognizes range in qualifications and years of experience
- Allocation for Maternity Leave and Sick Leave **2022-23** **\$1.0M**
 - funding for expanded eligibility for sick leave and expanded benefits for maternity leave
- Benefits Trust Allocation **2022-23** **\$13.9M**
 - incremental funding required to support the Employee Life and Health Trusts
- Teacher Learning and Innovation Allocation **2022-23** **\$63K**
 - enables boards to support teacher collaboration, responsive learning, and sharing of effective practices within schools, school boards, and across the province
- New Teacher Induction Program **2022-23** **\$517K**
 - to support the growth and PD of new teachers in the system

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Supports for Students Fund

2022-23 \$7.7M

- New in 2020-21, provides funding for school boards to support the learning needs of students
 - All funds are used to support additional FTE consistent with the central agreement obligations (100.13 FTE in 2022-23)
 - Funded through central negotiations, this funding was scheduled to end in 2021-22 at the end of the current contracts
 - February 17, 2022 Announcement – this funding continues into 2022-23 to stabilize supports for students due to learning disruption
 - Funding beyond 2022-23 is subject to central bargaining for groups whose central agreements expired on August 31, 2022

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Program Leadership Grant

2022-23 \$1.1M

- provides funding to support lead positions in the areas of:
 - Early Years
 - Indigenous Education
 - Mental Health
 - School Effectiveness
 - Student Success
 - Technology Enabled Learning and Teaching (TELT) Contact

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

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) Allocation 2022-23 \$723K

- dedicated funding to further improve education for students from rural communities

GSN – Supplemental Grants

Student Transportation Grant	Total 2022-23	\$50.5M
▪ Enrolment Allocation		\$49.8M
▪ Adjustment for change in enrolment year-over-year		
▪ School Bus Rider Safety Training		\$66K
▪ Funding to support on-site school bus rider safety training through a contract established by the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace		
▪ Fuel Escalator and De-escalator		
▪ Provides for funding increases or decreases – actual to fuel benchmark		
▪ Transportation to Provincial Schools		\$637K

GSN – Supplemental Grants

School Board Administration and Governance Grant

	Total 2022-23	\$21.7M
▪ Trustees Allocation		\$249K
▪ Reporting Entity Project Allocation		\$155K
▪ Internal Audit Allocation		\$573K
▪ Managing Information for Student Achievement (MISA)		\$63K
▪ Curriculum and Assessment Implementation		\$116K
▪ Board Administration Allocation		\$20.5M
▪ Central Employer Bargaining Agency Fees Allocation		\$58K

GSN – Supplemental Grants

School Facility Operations

2022-23 \$86.5M

- Addresses the costs of operating school facilities (heating, lighting, maintaining and cleaning)

Community Use of Schools

2022-23 \$1.1M

- Allows school boards to reduce the rates for school space used by the community

GSN – Supplemental Grants

COVID-19 Learning Recovery Fund

2022-23 \$11.2M

- Provides temporary funding for additional staffing supports, previously funded through a PPF
- Positions funded through this grant in 2022-23 include Secondary Teachers, Classroom Literacy Support Teachers, Literacy Teachers on Special Assignment, First Nation Metis and Inuit Student Success Teacher, Indigenous Language/Studies Teacher, Early Years Primary Teacher on Special Assignment, Full Day Kindergarten Teacher on Special Assignment, Early Childhood Educator on Special Assignment, Elementary Supervisors, Technical Support Analysts, Vice-Principal
- School boards should plan for this funding to expire at the end of August 2023

GSN Capital Funding

School Renewal

2022-23 \$13.9M

- Renovations and repair of schools

School Condition Improvement

2022-23 \$46.0M

- To address high and urgent renewal needs and facility condition

Temporary Accommodation

2022-23 \$1.7M

- Portable moves, leases and purchases

Capital Priorities Program

- Supports the construction of new schools, additions, and renovations based on Capital Priorities business cases
- 2023-24 Capital Priorities Program
 - Not yet announced

Grants for Student Needs

Enveloping and Accountability

- Special education and school renewal funds must be spent in their respective areas
- Spending on School Board Administration and Governance cannot exceed the grant
- The allocations within the Targeted Student Supports Envelope and the Experiential Learning Envelope of the Learning Opportunities Grant are limited for use collectively on programs within each envelope
- The Indigenous Education Grant is limited to expenses that support the academic success and well-being of Indigenous students, as well as build knowledge of all students and educators on Indigenous histories, culture, perspectives and contributions
- The Mental Health Workers Staffing Component within the Mental Health Workers Allocation of the Mental Health and Well-Being Grant is limited to expenditures on regulated mental health professionals in secondary schools
- Boards must submit a balanced budget, which allows up to 1% deficit of operating revenue, to the Ministry each year

Priorities and Partnerships Funding - PPF

- Funding for specific Ministry programs or initiatives, which is additional funding outside of the Grants for Student Needs (approximately 20 separate grants in 2022-23 Approved Budget)
- Targeted activities and restricted use of funds

e.g. Math Strategy, Indigenous Graduation Coach Pilot, Tutoring Supports Program

TVDSB Budget Pressures and Challenges

- Special Education needs exceed Special Education grant
- High staff absences and associated replacement costs
- Unknown if COVID-19 learning recovery funding will continue
- Continued need for technology to support students

Thank you