

Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) Announcement March 26th 2008
Impact on TDSB

- Following the Budget announcement yesterday, the Minister of Education, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, announced today the detailed grant allocations to school boards for 2008-09. The chart below provides a breakdown of the grant impacts for the TDSB. As indicated in the staff briefing note on the Provincial Budget, many of the grant improvements are committed funds, leaving little flexibility for local board discretion.
- The grants do not reflect labour adjustments that are currently being discussed with the federations and unions at provincial tables.
- Also, the grants do not reflect TDSB's share of the Additional Funding for Specific Provincial Initiatives, with the exception of a new allocation for Library Staff. The additional grants outside the GSNs are one-time funds, targeted for specific purposes and require separate Ministry reporting.
- TDSB's share of the Library Staff Supplement for 2008-09 is \$786,000. These funds will help address current library staffing costs, but there continues to be a significant gap between TDSB's teacher librarian allocation and the provincial model.
- New funding for capital was announced that extends Good Places to Learn (GPL) funding into 2008-09, and a \$500M annual capital program was introduced. The capital program will be administered by the Ministry. **Boards must submit their capital plans to ensure that project priorities are considered in the Ministry's review for allocations.**
- In summary, the grants allocated for 2008-09 are directed to Ministry initiatives, leaving little flexibility for school boards. Staff will be recalculating the estimated funding shortfall for 2008-9 and will be presenting this information at the Trustee Budget Information Session on April 8th.

GRANTS FOR 2008-09

Primary Class Size	54.3	54.7	0.4	Adjusment for end of contract wage provision and prep time.
Special Education	277.4	276.8	-0.6	Net impact of declining enrolment
Language Grants (ESL, FSL)	105.9	103.9	-2.0	Net impact of declining enrolment
First Nations Supplement	0.4	0.4	0.0	
LOG	129.1	130.0	0.9	Benchmark adjustment for end of contract provision and benefits
Safe Schools Supplement		4.0	4.0	For implementing B212 programs
Program Enhancement	4.2	5.4	1.2	To assist in costs for previously unfunded programs such as outdoor education.
Continuing Ed	23.4	23.5	0.1	Net impact of benchmark adjustments.
Teacher Q and E	94.3	108.2	13.9	CAUTION: These grants are to address teacher grid costs for experience and qualifications. There is no flex if these funds. Grant overestimates are reconcilled within the year. Further, this grant now includes the New Teacher Induction Program Funding (\$2.4M in 2007-08).
Transportation	47.0	48.5	1.5	Inflationary adjustment for fuel.
Declining Enrolment	15.0	14.1	-0.9	Phase-out of transitional funds.
Board Admin and Governance	56.3	56.1	-0.2	Net impact of declining enrolment.
Community Use	3.0	4.3	1.3	Includes new funding (.5M) to assist with outreach worker costs.
School Operations	248.4	249.6	1.2	Inflationary adjustment for utillies and non-salary components of School Operations.
TOTAL OPERATING	2,255.7	2,278.0	22.4	As noted above -- little flexibilitiy
Renewal	59.2	61.3	2.1	Includes short term borrowing costs for GPL projects.
GPL Phases 1&2			272.7	
GPL Phase 3			98.4	To be released. Some TDSB projects underway.
GPL Phase 4 (for 2008-09)			TBD	Expansion of the funding for renewal backlog.