

Appendix I: Estimated Cost of Updating Benchmarks and Proposed New Investments – by Grant

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Note: Calculations may not be exact because numbers have been rounded.

| Grants and Grant Components | Ministry of Education Projected Funding Allocations for the Current Year (2002–03) ¹ (Millions) | Benchmark Cost Update to August 31, 2002 ² (Recommendation 1) (Millions) | Proposed New Investments (Millions) | Recommendation Numbers for Proposed New Investments |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| Foundation Grant | | | | |
| Basic | \$7,479 | \$477 | | |
| Local Priorities | \$401 | | | |
| Special Education | \$1,374 | \$88 | \$250 | 23 & 24 (\$130M of \$250M of Intensive Support Amount funding to be allocated in 2002–03) |
| Special Education Per Pupil Amount (secondary panel) | | | \$19 | 26 |
| Language | \$423 | \$25 | \$65 | 10 |
| Geographic Circumstances | | | | |
| Small Schools | \$70 | \$4 | \$50 | 15 |
| Principals | | \$1 | | |
| Remote and Rural | \$118 | \$8 | | |
| Learning Opportunities | \$293 | \$19 | \$50 | 6 |
| Continuing Education | \$141 | \$8 | | |
| Teacher Qualifications and Experience | \$558 | \$30 | | |
| Early Learning | \$10 | \$1 | | |
| Transportation | \$611 | \$80 ³ | | 29 (\$20M to be allocated in 2002–03) |
| Declining Enrolment | \$17 | | \$5 | 16 |
| School Board Administration and Governance | \$456 | \$40 | | |

| Grants and Grant Components | Ministry of Education Projected Funding Allocations for the Current Year (2002–03)¹ (Millions) | Benchmark Cost Update to August 31, 2002² (Recommendation 1) (Millions) | Proposed New Investments (Millions) | Recommendation Numbers for Proposed New Investments |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Pupil Accommodation | | | | |
| School Operations | \$1,396 | \$165 | | |
| School Renewal | \$241 | \$25 | \$50 | 19 |
| Deferred Maintenance | | | \$200 | 20 |
| New Pupil Places | \$363 | \$39 | | |
| Prior Commitments | \$307 | | | |
| OMERS Recovery⁴ | \$(80) | | | |
| School Authorities⁵ | \$38 | | | |
| | \$14,215¹ | \$1,010² | \$689 | |

Notes:

1. Source: Ontario, Ministry of Education, “Student Focused Funding: School Board Funding Projections for the 2002–03 School Year” (2002), <<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/funding/e0203projection.pdf>>, 5, “Provincial Total” table, last column “2002–03 Projections.” *All figures have been rounded.* Following publication of this document, the 2002 Provincial Budget added \$45 million to the allocations (\$20 million for Transportation and \$25 million for School Renewal), for a revised total of \$14,260 million.
2. See Appendix H for the approach used to update the benchmark costs. Updates to August 2003, *not including* teaching and support staff salary and benefits, would require an additional estimated \$70 million based on a projected annual increase of 2% in the Ontario Consumer Price Index.
3. The benchmark cost update of \$80 million excludes \$23 million in adjustments to the Transportation Grant made in 2001–02. See Appendix J, Table J.2.
4. The Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) is in surplus; therefore, school boards are not required to make full pension contributions for staff who are members of OMERS. Since the benchmark cost for benefits is based on the assumption that boards are making the full contribution, the ministry deducts the savings from the boards’ allocations.
5. School authorities are funded outside the grant structure. A school authority usually operates a single school in a very isolated area, or a school in a children’s treatment centre or hospital.