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Memorandum To: Senior Business Officials

From: Med Ahmadoun

Director

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Romina Di Pasquale

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Subject: 2021-22 Revised Estimates (District School Boards)

We are pleased to inform you that the 2021-22 revised estimates, related guides and instructions are now available through the <u>revised estimates link</u> on the "Reporting to the Ministry" section of the <u>Financial Analysis and Accountability Branch (FAAB) website</u>.

BALANCED BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

As communicated in memorandum 2021:B07, school boards are allowed to incur an in-year deficit up to the lower of one per cent of the school board's operating revenue or the accumulated surplus for the preceding school year in the estimates. At this time, school boards should continue to prepare their revised estimates based on this direction, pending confirmation from the ministry later this Fall based on vaccine distribution across the province and public health advice. If a school board anticipates an in-year deficit greater than one percent of its operating allocation, Minister approval will be required. As always, the submission of an in-year deficit approval request, where applicable, is recommended as soon as possible.

TRACKING OF PROVINCIALLY PROCURED CRITICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT (CSE), INCLUDING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AND RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING KITS

School boards should be tracking the quantity of the CSE, including PPE and rapid antigen testing kits, centrally procured by the Ministry of Government Service (MGCS) during the 2021-22 school year to support reporting requirements in the 2021-22 financial statements. School boards are advised to:

- 1. Keep all packing slips of products received.
- 2. Verify the quantity on the packing slips against actual quantity received and record any discrepancies. The total quantity from the packing slips, adjusted for discrepancies, will be used as the quantity received.
- 3. Keep records of all orders placed with MGCS.

SUBMISSION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Please submit your 2021-22 revised estimates through EFIS by December 15, 2021.

In addition, please submit electronically by December 15, 2021 a copy of the following documents, via attachment, to revest@ontario.ca:

From School Board's Active EFIS Submission (in PDF)

- Certificate of the Director of Education (signed by the Director of Education)
- Compliance Report
- Schedules 9, 10 and 10ADJ
- Section 1A

The file name used should follow the naming convention specified on the FAAB website and school boards are requested to include the following text in the subject line of the email: "2021-22 Revised Estimates Supporting Documentation – DSB ##".

Late Submissions

It is important that school boards meet the due dates above as the information is needed for the interim reporting in the provincial budget, and the ministry may implement cash flow penalties for revised estimates that are not received in EFIS by the due date. If the school board is unable to meet the reporting deadline due to extenuating circumstances, please contact your ministry financial analyst to discuss the need for an extension.

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Sincerely,

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cc: Directors of Education