

**Q&A on Education Funding Enhancements  
(Funding Announcements of August 14 & 22, 2007)**

**Province Announces Additional Education Funding**

**On August 14, 2007, Ontario Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne announced that the government is investing a further \$182 million across the province for the 2007-08 school year, on top of the \$781 million increase announced in March 2007. An additional \$127 million in new funding will be delivered across Ontario for the 2008-09 school year.**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>What did the funding announcement of August 14<sup>th</sup> provide to school boards?</b>	The government announced additional multi-year funding for education totalling \$309M. The increase in funding for 07-08 is \$182M dollars and \$127M for 2008-09.
<b>What was the impact for the TDSB?</b>	In 2007-08 the TDSB will receive \$20.8M more in funding. The 2008-09 allocation to the TDSB is not known at this time.
<b>What does the new funding in 2007-08 cover?</b>	The additional funding will help offset cost pressures in the following areas: Vice-Principals School Administration Educational Assistants/Special Education Professionals & Paraprofessionals Supply Teachers School Operations School Office Supplies Primary Class Size
<b>Does this mean that the TDSB can hire more staff in these areas?</b>	No, the TDSB had projected a deficit of \$25.4M for 2007-08. Most of these funds will be used to offset cost overruns and bring the board closer to a balanced budget position. The only exception is in the area of primary class size. The Province requires boards to hire additional teachers with these funds in order to meet the provincial class size initiative of 20:1 in JK to Grade 3.

<p><b>What is the additional funding for Vice-Principals?</b></p>	<p>TDSB received an additional \$4M to support current board expenditures on Vice-Principals. TDSB also received an additional \$1.3M in salary benchmark improvements to closer align the benchmark to actual costs. These funds will reduce the gap in unfunded positions to 52 FTE.</p>
<p><b>What is the additional funding for school administration?</b></p>	<p>TDSB will receive \$1.5M which will help reduce the salary gap for school office clerical staff to approximately \$21.4M.</p>
<p><b>What is the additional funding for Professionals and Paraprofessionals?</b></p>	<p>The Province is providing an additional \$2.9M to narrow the gap in the salary benchmarks. Of this amount, \$1.7M is for Special Education with the remainder going to regular programs.</p>
<p><b>What is the additional funding for educational assistants and Special Education?</b></p>	<p>The board will receive approximately \$160,000 in Educational Assistants salary benchmark adjustment. However, the funding gap for regular program Educational Assistants is \$24M. The board will receive \$2.2M in improvements to the SEPPA benchmarks in Special Education. This improved funding together with the \$1.7M identified above will help reduce the originally projected deficit in Special Education to approximately \$7.4M.</p>
<p><b>What is the additional funding provided for Supply Teachers?</b></p>	<p>The board portion of the funding will be \$2.5M. With the addition of teachers over the past few years in the areas like Primary Class Size and specialist teachers, there has been an increase in supply teacher costs. This additional funding will help offset these costs.</p>
<p><b>What is the additional funding for</b></p>	<p>The Province provided an additional \$0.6M</p>

<b>School Office Supplies?</b>	to support the cost of school office supplies.										
<b>What is the additional funding for School Operations?</b>	The Province has recognized that school operations costs for both staffing and other expenditures have steadily been increasing beyond the funding levels since 1998. This adjustment will provide the TDSB with an additional \$2.9M to help cover these costs.										
<b>What is the additional funding for Primary Class Size</b>	Additional funding is being provided to ensure that the Province's primary class size initiative will be met. This money is meant to assist individual boards that have difficulty meeting the primary class size due to small schools, difficult split grades or other pressures. The TDSB portion of the allocation is approximately \$2.7M which will allow the hiring of approximately 34 more teachers.										
<b>What is the projected financial position of the board for 07-08 and how has the additional funding helped?</b>	Prior to the August 14 <sup>th</sup> announcement the board was projecting a \$25.4M deficit. With the exception of the additional primary class size funds, which must be used to hire additional teachers, the balance of the new funds will be used to address the deficit. The revised deficit estimate is \$7.4M.										
<b>Has the Province provided any additional information about the funding for 2008-09?</b>	<p>Yes, the Province has announced the areas and the amounts they will be releasing next year, however individual board allocations are not known at this point. The areas for increased funding and the amounts for 2008-09 are as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="815 1711 1386 1890"> <tr> <td>Benefits benchmark increase</td> <td>\$50M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Growth Schools</td> <td>\$10M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ESL benchmark</td> <td>\$10M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Program Enhancement</td> <td>\$10M</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Board Administration</td> <td>\$10M</td> </tr> </table>	Benefits benchmark increase	\$50M	Growth Schools	\$10M	ESL benchmark	\$10M	Program Enhancement	\$10M	Board Administration	\$10M
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<b>Was there any other significant information in the funding announcement?</b>	Yes, the Province committed to do a complete review of the funding formula by 2010, to ensure effective funding of education.								
<b>What funding was provided for Safe Schools?</b>	On August 22 <sup>nd</sup> the Province released funds for Safe Schools totalling \$43.7M. This includes the previously announced \$31M for Bill 212 programs. A further \$12.7M has been provided for increased professional supports (such as social workers, speech, psychological, attendance counselling and police services).								
<b>What is the TDSB's portion of the \$43.7 million?</b>	The TDSB's portion of this announcement is \$4.0M. Of this, \$2.7M is to be used to address programs for expelled students or student on longer-term suspensions. The balance of \$1.25M is intended to be used to hire professional supports to help schools promote positive student behaviours through prevention, early intervention and progressive discipline.								

**RECOMMENDATION**     **It is recommended that the Q& A on education funding enhancements be received.**

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