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MEMORANDUM TO: Senior Business Officials

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DATE: **June 26, 2015**

SUBJECT: **Weekly Transportation of Students Attending
Residential Programs at English-Language
Provincial/Demonstration Schools**

As a follow-up to Memorandum 2015: SB06, dated April 1, 2015, I am writing to provide more information on the changes to transportation for residential students attending English-language provincial and demonstration schools.

Changes in 2015-16

Starting in the 2015-16 school year, the Ministry's Provincial Schools Branch will be coordinating weekly transportation services for residential students attending English-language provincial and demonstration schools. All English-language district school boards have been notified of the termination of the agreement established in June 2008 that set up the lead board model.

The lead board model will continue for French-language students attending Centre Jules-Léger with the Consortium de transport scolaire d'Ottawa. There are no changes to daily transportation to provincial and demonstration schools.

Transitioning of Responsibility to the Provincial Schools Branch

To maintain stability and continuity of service for all students, the Ministry has seconded John Grochot from Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) to assist with this

transition as the Ministry's Provincial School Transportation Coordinator for a one-year term. Beginning on September 1, 2015, John can be reached at John.Grochot@ontario.ca or 1-866-426-5288.

School boards currently sharing weekly provincial school transportation services with OSTA are encouraged to maintain these arrangements with the Provincial Schools Branch in 2015-16. Any questions regarding service sharing arrangements can be directed to David Lockie, Divisional Financial Coordinator, Learning and Curriculum Division at david.lockie@ontario.ca or (416) 327-6760.

For services school boards may provide for weekly transported students, boards will receive additional transportation funding to cover costs based on expenditure approval similar to daily provincial school transportation as permitted under the 2015-16 GSN regulation. The Ministry's Education Finance Information System (EFIS) forms have been updated for 2015-16 to include reporting provisions for weekly transportation by all school boards.

If you have any questions regarding transportation funding changes, please contact Sandy Chan, Manager, Transportation and Cooperative Services Unit at sandy.chan@ontario.ca or (416) 325-2464.

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