



Report To:	Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Board
From:	Donna Moroso, Director of Integrated Social Services Ray Hannah, Children's Program Supervisor
Date:	September 27, 2012
Re:	Full Day Kindergarten Transition Funding - Issue Report

Recommendation:

That the Board approves the following Child Care expenditures based on the approved Ministry of Education Guidelines for additional funds received in 2012. These funds are **100% provincial allocations** to support centres with the transition and impact of the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten.

Description of New Funding for 2012:

Transition Minor Capital (\$39,534)

The Ministry recently announced incremental funding to our Year 3 Transition Minor Capital funding allocation which is to help support non-profit child care centres across the province make retrofits and renovations to serve younger children. More specifically, this is one-time funding to support licensed child care programs as they transition to serve children ages 0-4.

Capacity Funding to Support Transformation (\$14,061)

The Ministry has also released one-time capacity funding to support transformation and facilitates child care transformation within our communities. It is intended to cover one-time costs for non-profit child care operators, including licensed child care centres and Private Home Day Care (PHDC) agencies that are involved in business transformation activities and/or require business transformation supports. Furthermore, it is intended to help non-profit licensed child care programs address costs related to legal fees and advice to support operators' transformation, mergers and consolidations, relocation costs to schools, and costs for information technology used for administrative and business purposes.

Transition Operating Funding (\$130,041)

This funding has been increased to further support child care subsidies, special needs resourcing, and start-up grants for costs related to the implementation of Full day Kindergarten.

Best Start Operating (\$81,552)

Additional funds have been received through Best Start operating that can be allocated, as needed, to all above funding descriptions. This is funding paid to delivery agents to for operating expenditures associated with the implementation of Early Learning and Child Development.

Manitoulin Family Resources - Little Current Public School	Request
Renovations to space: Extensive renovations to portables required to accommodate and expand toddler program. Examples include adjoining door for portables, and kitchen upgrades.	\$55,000
Renovations to playground: Improvements and expansion required to accommodate additional toddlers.	\$10,000
Development of business plan: Planning to address the impact of FDK and plan for increased toddler recruitment. Establishment of a high quality evidence based best practice centre.	\$30,000
Information Technology improvements: Development of standard assets such as reliable internet access, computer terminals and Information Technology support.	\$5,000
Total:	\$100,000
Manitoulin Family Resources - Central Manitoulin Public School	Request
Development of business plan: Planning for future programming through comprehensive analysis of best practices and development of a program plan.	\$40,000
Information Technology improvements: Development of standard assets such as reliable internet access, computer terminals and IT support. Currently, there is no IT infrastructure at this site.	\$5,000
Total:	\$45,000
Manitoulin Family Resources Grand Total:	\$145,000

Gore Bay Child Care Centre CC McLean School	Request
Loss of revenue: Includes support for impact of losing 11 children during period of transformation / refocus toward serving children 0-4.	\$44,220
Renovations to space: Upgrades including, but not limited to, washrooms and playgrounds to focus on younger children	\$19,091
Retention of staff: Transitional support with loss of staff and retention of current levels during transformation and recruitment period	\$10,080
Development of business plan: Engagement of a business consultant and develop a plan for recruitment of younger children. Develop a retention plan with focus, but not, limited to, special needs and First Nations children.	\$16,271
Information Technology improvements: Includes improvement to software and website and software used for administrative purposes	\$5,500
Total:	\$95,162

Our Children Our Future – Sacred Heart School	Request
Refocus of space and furniture: Transition physical space and furnishings to play based environment which focus on younger children ages 0-4.	\$32,674
Total:	\$32,674

The above requests fall within the parameters of the funding envelopes listed below:

Manitoulin Family Resources Funding Sources	Approval
Transition Minor Capital	\$13,178
Capacity Funding	\$7,031
Best Start Operating - additional dollars	\$41,403
Transition Operating	\$40,000
Best Start Ongoing	\$43,389
Total:	\$145,000

Gore Bay Child Care Funding Sources	Approval
Transition Minor Capital	\$13,178
Capacity Funding	\$7,031
Best Start Operating - additional dollars	\$20,653
Transition Operating	\$54,300
Total:	\$95,162

Our Children Our Future Funding Sources	Approval
Transition Minor Capital	\$13,178
Best Start Operating - additional dollars	\$19,496
Total:	\$32,674

Conclusion:

In order to facilitate the transformation to Full Day Kindergarten, and to assist with the expected impact, the Ministry of Education has provided Child Care Program with transition funding. It is our recommendation to support our local child care centres with the distribution of these funds based on their presented requests and plans. The goal is to provide these centres with the support they need during the transition, and to help them plan for the future with a focus on children ages 0-4. The viability of our child care centres can be maintained with focused planning and financial assistance during this time of transformation.