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June 11, 2009

Mr. Michael O'Keefe
Director of Education
Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
46 Alliance Boulevard
Barrie ON L4M 5K3

Dear Mr. O'Keefe,

I am very pleased to confirm the government's funding support for four capital priorities identified by your board. In total, your board will be allocated \$26,421,936 under the Capital Priorities and Energy Efficiency funding programs to undertake these projects. The Appendix to this letter outlines the projects and the individual funding allocations.

The Ministry of Education has undertaken a detailed review of all submitted school board capital priority business cases to understand the needs to each case. We recognize that your board has other projects that were not selected for funding at this time. Ministry staff look forward to continuing discussions with your board about these projects.

Please note, the approval to support the elementary accommodation needs in Orillia is a planning approval which recognizes that your board has a Pupil Accommodation Review Process underway. Our approvals associated with these schools are intended to provide funding to support the final outcome of the review process, understanding that a final decision has not yet been made.

It is expected that these projects, for which your board has received funding approval to construct, will be open and operating no later than the 2011-12 school year.

Capital Priority Funded Projects

Your school board has planning approval for capital priorities worth \$12,409,106 funded from the \$350M Capital Priority component of the new capital funding outlined in **Memorandum 2008:B12 - \$500M in New Capital Funding Available for 2008-09**, dated August 20, 2008. This approval will be funded in the same

manner as other Good Places to Learn programs. School boards will be reimbursed for their short-term interest costs on construction costs for projects funded from their Capital Priority allocation, and will be able to access long-term financing for these projects through the Ontario Financing Authority up to the maximum amount allocated to the board for these approvals.

These approvals are conditional, subject to amendments to the regulations governing the Grants for Student Needs and approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. We will be seeking approval to amend the *Grant for Student Needs – Legislative Grants* for the 2008-09 and 2009-2010 School Board Fiscal Year Regulations. Funding entitlements for subsequent years will form part of the appropriate year's Grant for Student Needs – Legislative Grants.

Energy Efficiency Funded Projects

Your school board has approval for three capital projects worth \$14,012,830. These projects are funded under the \$150M "Renovation and Retrofits of Existing Schools" announced in **Memorandum 2009:B5 - Energy Efficient Schools Funding**, dated April 24, 2009. The funding for these projects will flow as a capital grant to the board and therefore the project costs that are funded under this approach will not need to be long-term financed by the school board.

As outlined in **Memorandum SB19:2009 - Reporting Requirements: Energy Efficiency and Good Places to Learn**, dated May 21, 2009, a school board will have to sign back their Master Transfer Payment Agreement as a first step to be eligible to access a cash flow from its Energy Efficiency Allocation. In addition, your board will need to return a signed-off Project Agreement related to this funding program that will be forwarded to your board as a schedule to the Master Transfer Payment Agreement. The Project Agreements will be forwarded to your board within the next few weeks.

The funding for Energy Efficiency projects will flow to your board based on the following milestones:

Milestone 1: The board will receive a cash flow equal to 10% of the funding the board has been allocated for the project when a board has submitted the Project Agreement documentation to the Ministry.

Milestone 2: The board will be flowed 50% of the funding allocated to the project based on the submission to the Ministry of a board motion awarding a contract for the project.

Milestone 3: When a project is 50% complete the board will be flowed an additional 30% of the funding allocated to the project based on the submission to the Ministry of a report verifying that the project is 50% complete.

Milestone 4: The board will be flowed the remaining 10% of the funding allocated to the project based on a letter to the Ministry from the board's Senior Business Official that the project is substantially completed and ready for occupancy.

These milestones and reporting requirements will also be detailed in the Project Agreement described above. When the requirements for each milestone are satisfied, the associated funding will be flowed to the board in the following month. The reports are to be submitted to the following email address: tpa-edu@ontario.ca

Summary

Please be aware that your board is responsible and will be held accountable for implementing appropriate measures to ensure that costs for these projects are within the approved funding amount for these projects. Your board also will be responsible for receiving a transfer from reserves approval for these projects, as per **Memorandum 2006:B8 – Education Funding for 2006-07**, dated June 12, 2006, before it can proceed to tender any new capital projects.

School boards should continue to report any new capital projects in the Funded Projects section of the Ministry's School Facilities Information System (SFIS). New funding sources have been created in this section of SFIS to allow boards to report the revenues they have applied to a project from their Capital Priorities and Energy Efficiency funding allocations.

In recognition of the recent recommendations outlined in the final report from the Declining Enrolment Working Group, we are strongly encouraging school boards to solicit expressions of interest from potential community partners and coterminous school boards to engage in the co-planning, co-financing and co-construction of these newly funded projects. We remind boards, however, that this does not mean that these capital funding allocations can be used to build dedicated space in schools for your community partners.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your assistance and support throughout this process, and look forward to continuing to work with your board.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Nancy Whynot at: (416) 325-4030 or via email at: Nancy.Whynot@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Naylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nancy Naylor
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education

cc: Peter Derochie, Associate Director - Business and Finance, Simcoe
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Capital Priority Funding Approvals

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board - DSB 44

School / Project	Location	Phase	Pupil Pensions	Total Funding	Comments	Schools Recognized in Solution/Consolidation (if Applicable)
1. Orlia Elementary Schools Solution	Orlia	E	713	\$ 12,409,106	Orlia Elementary Schools Solution - Final AICZ decision to be announced in the Fall. Additional funding for demolition and/or site servicing cost might be available.	St. Bernard's CES (SPS ID: 8209) Montclair LAC CES (SPS ID: 8256) Garrison Angus (SPS ID: 8259)

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1. St. Patrick's CES (SPS ID: 8023)	Barrie	S	210	\$ 4,961,320	Growth School addition to accommodate new students. Replacement of 12 portable classrooms.	N/A
2. St. Alan of Aut CES (SPS ID: 10111)	Barrie	S	252	\$ 5,953,544	Growth School addition to accommodate new students. Replacement of 18 portable classrooms.	N/A
3. Father F. X. O'Reilly CES (SPS ID: 8247)	Tottenham	E	778	\$ 3,097,328	Growth School addition to accommodate new students. Replacement of 8 portable classrooms.	N/A

Deferred Projects

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- 1. Patrick's Primary SS
- 4. St. Joseph's SS
- 5. St. Thomas Aquinas
- 6. St. Margaret's O'Leary
- 7. Our Lady of the Assumption