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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons and Directors of Education
- All Catholic District School Boards
- OCSTA Board of Directors

FROM: Beverley Eckensweiler, President

SUBJECT: Grants for Student Needs Submission 2020-2021

Please find attached a copy of OCSTA's submission to the Ministry of Education's recent consultation on the 2020-2021 Grants for Student Needs (GSN). The submission benefited from the many responses from our member boards. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the many boards that provided us with their funding and policy priorities for this year's GSN consultation. As you will see, the submission covers many critical areas of concern for publicly funded Catholic education in Ontario. For example, efficiencies in school board operations and reducing red tape, the moratorium on school closures, the e-learning framework, cybersecurity in schools and capital planning are some of the issues discussed.

We hope this submission will assist member boards with any local advocacy with MPPs and other education stakeholders.

Please do not hesitate to contact Steve Andrews at sandrews@ocsta.on.ca or me if you have any questions.