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**OSBCU UPDATE**  
**Release of Grants for Student Needs**  
**April 26, 2019**

Today, the Ministry of Education released the long-awaited Grants for Student Needs document. These GSNs provide us with further indication of the impact of the Ministry of Education's budget on education workers across the province.

Dan Crow, will be doing a more detailed analysis but a top level review shows:

- per-pupil funding will be \$12,246 in 2019-20, a drop from \$12,299 in 2018-19. This is in absolute terms and has not been adjusted for inflation
- \$630 million cut from the Pupil Foundation Grant
- 230 million cut to Learning Opportunities Grant
- a cut to School Board Administration and Governance Grant

Clearly this is devastating news for public education and the services that our members provide. As we move forward, we need to be continuously speaking about our services and their importance in our communities and for our students especially in light of the recent cuts in other sectors and areas across the province.

For example: recent cuts to public libraries puts further emphasis on the need for the services provided by our library workers. Recent cuts to public health could be compounded into illness outbreaks when combined with continued reduction in custodial staff.

We will provide further information early next week. As well we will be including the topic of the GSN information on our President's Townhall on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm (information will be forthcoming).

You may access the GSN documents at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/funding.html>

In Solidarity,



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