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**TO:** Consolidated Municipal Service Managers and District  
Social Service Administration Boards

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**SUBJECT:** **Federal Safe Restart Funding (SRF) – September Reopening Plan**

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The purpose of this memo is to provide details on the federal Safe Restart Funding (SRF) that supports a shared commitment by the Ontario and Federal governments to ensure a safe, sufficient and adequate supply of child care is available to support the gradual return to work of parents as the economy reopens.

The Government of Canada has committed to provide \$625M in new funding nationwide to help the child care sector adapt to the COVID-19 environment and address the unique needs stemming from the pandemic. In Ontario, SRF will provide \$234.6M in new funding and will complement existing provincial investments to help parents, families and communities so that parents can return to work with confidence.

### **Safe Restart Funding**

The SRF will be provided through CMSMs and DSSABs for child care and EarlyON, through First Nations for child care and Child & Family Programs on reserve and directly from the Ministry of Education for child care centres without a purchase of service agreement. The investment will consist of two components:

- Funding will be used by the Province to procure and deliver face coverings directly to operators and licensed home child care agencies across Ontario in order to comply with the Ministry's reopening operational guidance. Further details were provided in the memo dated August 13, 2020 from Shannon Fuller.
- In addition to face coverings, funding will be provided through CMSMs and DSSABs to operators which can be used for additional personal protective equipment (PPE, such as gloves, gowns, etc.), enhanced cleaning, additional staff to meet health and safety requirements, support for short term vacancies

as operators transition to return to full capacity, and minor capital required in accordance with Ministry's reopening operational guidance or local public health requirements.

SRF will be provided through CMSMs/DSSABs for operators that have a purchase of service agreement for general operating and/or fee subsidies as well as EarlyON Child and Family Centres. CMSMs/DSSABs will work directly with child care operators in their area. Funding has been allocated to CMSMs/DSSABs proportionally based on their total 2020 child care and EarlyON allocations (per the October 2019 budget schedules). See Appendix A for further details. These funds are intended to be spent by December 31, 2020.

Child care operators who do not have a purchase of service agreement will receive funding support directly from the province for SRF. Not having a purchase of service agreement is defined as not having a purchase of service agreement for general operating and/or fee subsidy funding with a CMSM/DSSAB.

### **Reporting**

CMSMs/DSSABs will be required to track and monitor expenditures as well as service data including the number of licensed child care centres and licenced spaces, the number of EarlyON Child and Family Centres and the number of licensed home child care agencies and homes supported by SRF. CMSMs/DSSABs will report back on SRF as part of the 2020 Financial Statement submissions in the Education Finance Information System (EFIS).

### **Next Steps**

Thank you for your partnership and continued collaboration at all levels, and please let us know how we can continue to provide support, as we safely return to full capacity in our child care centres and begin reopening Child & Family Centres throughout the province.

Thank you,

Shannon Fuller

**Appendix A: Federal Safe Restart Funding Allocations**

CMSM/DSSAB	2020 SRF Allocation (\$)
Corporation of the City of Brantford	1,439,159
City of Cornwall	1,256,204
City of Greater Sudbury	2,525,683
The City of Hamilton	7,506,502
Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes	824,267
Corporation of the City of Kingston	1,614,170
Corporation of the City of London	5,304,174
City of Ottawa	13,381,762
Corporation of the City of Peterborough	1,401,339
Corporation of the City of St. Thomas	1,005,052
Corporation of the City of Stratford	698,427
City of Toronto	47,545,885
Corporation of the City of Windsor	4,659,556
Corporation of the County of Bruce	703,088
Corporation of the County of Dufferin	590,555
Corporation of the County of Grey	954,328
Corporation of the County of Hastings	1,396,734
Corporation of the County of Huron	604,346
Corporation of the County of Lambton	1,873,478
County of Lanark	732,669
County of Lennox & Addington	612,144
County of Northumberland	736,189
County of Oxford	930,815
County of Renfrew	978,947
County of Simcoe	4,326,979
County of Wellington	2,155,034
District Municipality of Muskoka	602,460
Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent	1,659,676
The Corporation of Norfolk County	948,208
Regional Municipality of Durham	6,811,867
Regional Municipality of Halton	5,578,664
Regional Municipality of Niagara	4,532,998
Regional Municipality of Peel	17,841,056
Regional Municipality of Waterloo	5,719,638
Regional Municipality of York	14,239,708
United Counties of Leeds & Grenville	899,523

CMSM/DSSAB	2020 SRF Allocation (\$)
United Counties of Prescott & Russell	1,113,751
Algoma District Services Administration Board	659,839
District of Cochrane Social Service Administration Board	1,321,710
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board	1,360,071
District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	700,757
District of Sault Ste Marie Social Services Administration Board	988,325
District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board	876,839
Kenora District Services Board	927,871
Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board	894,181
Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board	518,831
District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	1,800,039
<b>Provincial Total</b>	<b>175,753,498</b>