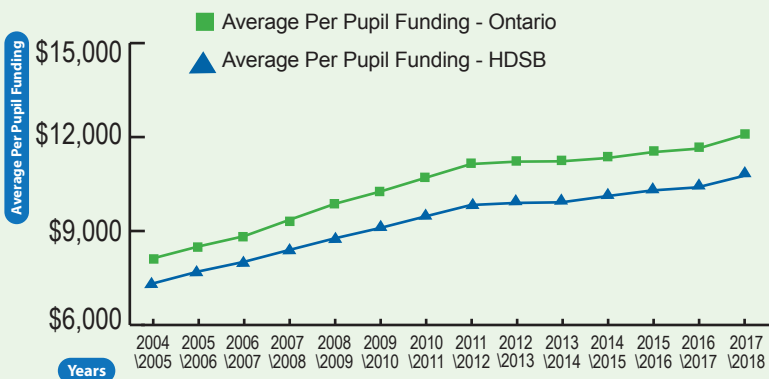


# Fair Funding for Students in the Halton District School Board

- HDSB is the lowest funded Ontario English public school board (on a “per student basis”).
- HDSB has been below the provincial funding average for more than 10 years.
- HDSB is one of very few Ontario school boards with increasing enrolment. Funding from the Ontario government has not kept up proportionately with this growth.

## HDSB HAS BEEN UNDER THE PROVINCIAL FUNDING AVERAGE FOR 10 YEARS



Source: Grants for Student Needs Projections for the 2017-2018 School Year (Spring 2017 Ministry of Education)

## TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The transportation funding model has not changed since 1998 and has not been adjusted for growing school boards like the HDSB.

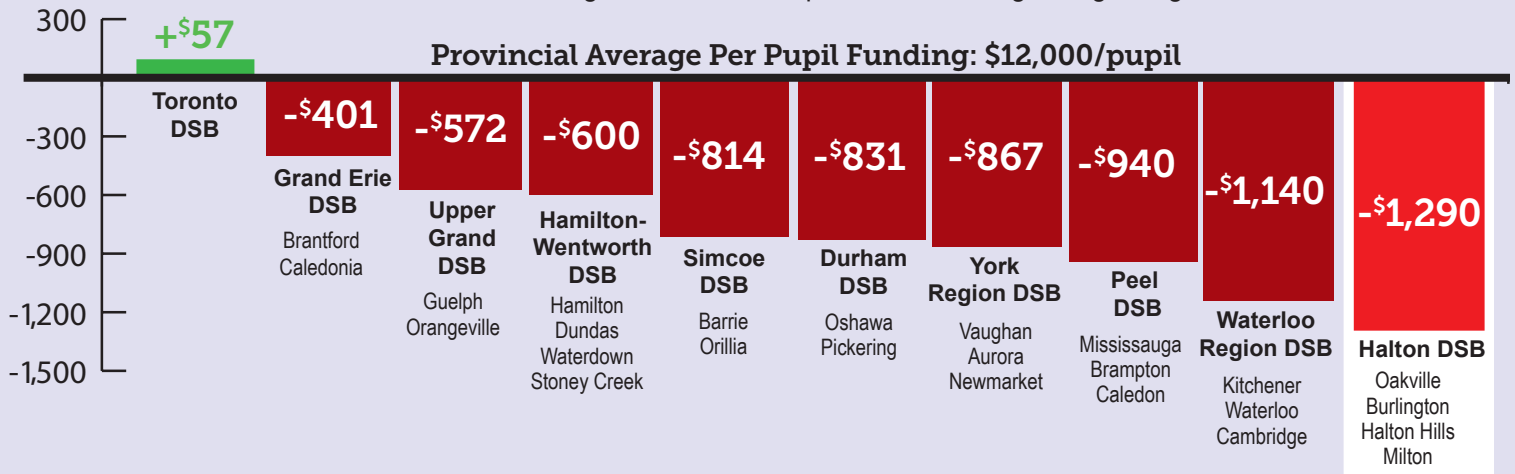
The Ontario Ministry of Education needs to revise the funding model to ensure school boards have the funds to continue to provide transportation for students.



The out-of-date funding model has contributed to the current financial pressure, school bus driver shortages and driver recruitment difficulties.

## COMPARISON OF FUNDING FOR SURROUNDING ENGLISH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS

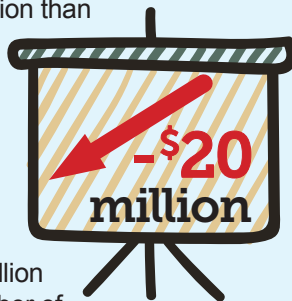
The criteria used in the Ontario education funding formula does not provide fair funding for a growing school board like the HDSB.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

HDSB spends more on Special Education than the amount provided by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

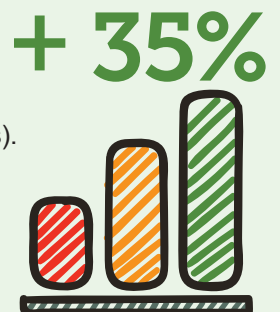
In 2014-15, the Ontario Ministry of Education announced a new funding model for a component of the Special Education Grants. At the end of the four-year phase-in, the net impact to the HDSB is a loss in excess of \$20 million annually despite the growth in the number of students requiring special education support.



Source: Grants for Student Needs Technical Paper, Ministry of Education

## ENROLMENT GROWTH IN THE HDSB

From 2007 to 2016, student enrolment in the Halton District School Board has grown by 35% (10 years).



Source: Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP), Halton District School Board (2017-2018)

## HOW ARE SCHOOL BOARDS FUNDED?

- Ontario school boards are funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education.
- The Ontario Ministry of Education determines the annual funding amount received by each of Ontario's 72 school boards through a funding formula known as the Grants for Student Needs (GSN).
- The Government of Ontario determines how much of your taxes go toward publicly-funded education.



**You can help by contacting your MPP to request they advocate for FAIR & TRANSPARENT funding for the Halton District School Board.**