

**Ministry of Education  
Special Education Funding**

**Submission by the Ontario Association for Families of Children with  
Communication Disorders (OAFCCD)  
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**Recommendations**

! That the education funding model maintain **protected funding for special education**

! That special education funding be **maintained at least at the current level** of SEPPA plus ISA

! That **ISA 1 Grant for equipment be maintained**

! That **ISA Grant levels 2 & 3 be eliminated.**

! That future funding levels for special education be **based on the provincial program standards** for each exceptionality that are being developed by the Ministry of Education

! That special education **funding for secondary students be increased** at least to the same level as elementary students.

! That a **simple mechanism be developed** to enable boards to apply for increased funding

! That the funding model include **protected funding envelopes for professional staff**

! That the funding model should specifically designate and protect funding for **speech- language pathology services, based on a ratio of 1 SLP per 1500 students**

! That **education funding benchmarks increase annually to reflect inflation and other cost pressures**