



TO: Donna Quan, Angelos Bacopoulos

CC: Kathleen Wynne, Liz Sandals, George Zegarac

CC: Irene Atkinson, Amelia Dennis, Carla Kisko, Jane Phillips-Long, Cheri DiNovo

SUBJECT: Fix Our Schools - From Runnymede Public School Council (Ward 7)

September 2, 2014

Dear Ms. Quan & Mr. Bacopoulos,

On behalf of Runnymede Public School Council and the “Fix Our Schools Campaign”, thank you for your response dated May 27, 2014 in response to our letter dated May 13, 2014 regarding outstanding repairs and maintenance. As well, thank you for your response dated June 11, 2014 in response to our letter dated April 30, 2014 regarding how the TDSB might access Education Development Charges. We would like to continue the dialogue with you on both topics in this letter.

Outstanding Repairs & Maintenance for Runnymede P.S.

Below is the list that you confirmed to be correct, itemizing the \$3.8 million backlog of repairs and maintenance at Runnymede P.S that is part of the larger \$3.5 Billion estimated backlog TDSB-wide. We have added reference numbers 1-27 for ease of discussion.

	Runnymede Jr & Sr PS			
1	Replace [D4020 Standpipe Systems]	Urgent	2014	\$142,973
2	Replace [D302002 Steam Boilers - Boiler No. 2]	Urgent	2014	\$362,880
3	Major Repair [B101001 Structural Frame - North Building]	Urgent	2014	\$22,050
4	Study [B101001 Structural Frame - North Building]	Urgent	2014	\$10,500
5	Major Repair [B1010 Floor Construction - Original]	High	2014	\$43,050
6	Study [B1010 Floor Construction - Original]	High	2014	\$10,500
7	Replacement [B2020 Exterior Windows -1915]	High	2014	\$1,050,000
8	Replacement [B2010 Exterior Walls - Columns]	High	2014	\$10,500
9	Major Repair [A1010 Standard Foundations]	High	2014	\$31,500
10	Replace [D304008 Air Handling Units - Main Supply #1]	High	2014	\$75,600
11	Replace [D304008 Air Handling Units - Main Supply #2]	High	2014	\$75,600
12	Replace [D304008 Air Handling Units - Gymnasium]	High	2014	\$75,600
13	Replace [D2020 Domestic Water Distribution]	High	2014	\$655,300
14	Replace [D2010 Plumbing Fixtures]	High	2014	\$201,600
15	Replace [C3020 Floor Finishes - Hardwood Original Classrooms]	High	2014	\$252,000
16	Replace [C3020 Floor Finishes]	High	2014	\$58,800
17	Replace [C3020 Floor Finishes - classrooms, cafeteria, kitchen]	High	2014	\$28,350



18	Replace [C3020 Floor Finishes - Basement]	High	2014	\$11,550	
19	Replace [C1030 Fittings - Toilet Partitions]	High	2014	\$129,150	
20	Replace [D304007 Exhaust Systems - Exhaust Fans]	High	2014	\$53,760	
21	Replace [C3030 Ceiling Finishes - 30% Classrooms & Corridors]	High	2014	\$81,900	
22	Replace [G2030 Pedestrian Paving - Unit]	High	2014	\$34,020	
23	Replace [G2030 Pedestrian Paving - Asphalt]	High	2014	\$10,500	
24	Replace [C3030 Ceiling Finishes - Corridors & 70% Classrooms]	High	2014	\$262,500	
25	Study [G2030 Pedestrian Paving - Unit]	High	2014	\$10,500	
26	Replace [G204007 Playing Fields - Field]	High	2014	\$73,500	
27	Replace [B3010 Roof Coverings - skylights and coping]	Medium	2014	\$21,000	\$3,795,183

Could you please provide answers to the following questions:

- *Are any of the 27 items (4 of which are identified as urgent) currently being completed or in queue to be completed? If yes, could you please identify which items are scheduled to be completed and when?*
*** Appreciating your responsibility to address the needs of the TDSB as a whole system and to consider the severity of the needs at Runnymede P.S. relative to the other facility repair priorities at the rest of the schools in the TDSB, we will simply check in regularly on the progress being made towards addressing the 27 items on Runnymede Public School's outstanding repairs and maintenance list.*
- *We received correspondence from the Ministry of Education that, in addition to the \$45 million received annually via the GSN, the TDSB has also received \$413.5 million since 2005 via the GPL renewal initiative and \$51.9 million since 2011 via the SCI initiative.*
 - *What additional money beyond the \$45 million annual GSN do you expect the Ministry to provide the TDSB for school renewal in the coming years?*
 - *How is the TDSB going to augment provincial funding and internally fund some of this capital renewal? Which TDSB schools/properties might be sold and how much money is being anticipated from these sales?*
- *What is the dollar amount of outstanding repairs and maintenance for every TDSB school that is currently operating below 60% capacity, and what is the utilization rate of each of these schools?*

Accessing Education Development Charges

We agree completely with the statement in your June 11, 2014 letter that, "given the level of residential construction activity occurring throughout the City of Toronto, being denied access to EDCs to address the impacts of growth in existing TDSB schools is unreasonable and unfair."

The response we received from the Ministry when we wrote them about the TDSB



accessing EDCs included the statement that, “school boards like the TDSB, that operate older schools with considerable renewal needs are to utilize the various renewal resources provided by the Ministry to ensure they are maintaining safe environments for their students”. As you can imagine, this response was disappointing given that the provincial funding for capital renewal does not even come close to the cost of undertaking the backlog of outstanding repairs and maintenance.

Could you please:

- *Provide us with any guidance you may have on how parents could effectively advocate for the TDSB to gain access to EDCs and to be able to use EDC money for both the building of new school spaces, where appropriate and also for the repair/maintenance of existing schools – which receive more wear and tear with each new student (from new developments) attending?*
- *Provide us with an update on which schools within the TDSB are moving towards being closed? While we don't want to see short-sighted sales of capital assets, there are certainly schools in such a state of disrepair and at such a low capacity that the TDSB as a whole would benefit from their sale?*

We trust that the TDSB shares our vision of providing all TDSB students a quality education delivered in **safe, well-maintained schools** and that the TDSB will work with the Ministry to ensure that this vision is realized. We look forward to receiving answers to our questions above.

Kind regards -

Jennifer McLean & Krista Wylie, Ward 7 Reps

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