

OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

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The Honourable Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Wynne:

Re: Education Development Charges Regulation 20/98

We are writing to share with you the unfair impact the current regulations regarding Education Development Charges have on the Toronto District School Board's capital process.

We feel strongly that EDC Regulation 20/98 is seriously outdated and needs to be amended to end the current system that disadvantages Toronto public schools. The limitations of the current EDC regulation never accounted for a community intensification program like the one developed by the City of Toronto. We know clearly from the impact of the densification of the Yonge-Sheppard corridor that new developments are having a substantial impact on existing schools and students.

We also know that the pressures currently being experienced in this area are just the beginning as City of Toronto planning information indicates that there are applications for an additional 277,000 new residential units. Based on the current Toronto Catholic District School Board's EDC rate, if the TDSB was treated equally, it is estimated that this projected growth would generate nearly \$300 million of much needed revenue to meet the capital needs of the Board.

Schools in these areas need adequate funding to accommodate new growth and developers should be contributing to these costs. It is unreasonable to expect the TDSB to use proceeds from site sales in other communities to finance infrastructure requirements resulting from growth in other areas of the city.

On behalf of the existing and future students of the Toronto District School Board, the Trustees of the Board urge you to show your support by working towards a revision to Ontario Regulation 20/98 of the *Education Act* to allow school boards to collect Education Development Charges.

Respectfully Yours,



Chris Bolton
Chair