



Parents Advocating for Safe, Well-Maintained Schools  
in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB)

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TO: Margaret Wilson, Independent Auditor and “Troubleshooter” charged with conducting an external audit of the TDSB during December 2014

**SUBJECT: Thank You for Helping the TDSB**

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Dear Ms. Wilson,

Fix Our Schools is a parent advocacy group, representing 300+ TDSB parents across the city. Our membership is active and growing daily since launching on Oct. 29, 2014. We are thrilled that the Province has appointed you to conduct this external review of the TDSB and would like to meet with you during the course of your review of the TDSB to provide a parent perspective on the situation. We look forward to hearing back from you with some dates when we could get together.

TDSB buildings are in an appalling state: roofs are leaking; windows are ancient; boilers are breaking; soap is unavailable in washrooms for basic hygiene; and basic safety items like fire exit door panic bars are missing. This unacceptable situation impacts students, parents and teachers every day. The current organizational dysfunction has contributed to these issues. However, there are structural issues within the TDSB organization that also deserve your attention.

As an immediate step, we are calling upon Ontario’s Provincial Government to provide emergency funding to the TDSB to replace all roofs that have leaked at TDSB buildings within the last 18 months and to complete all other repairs that have been deemed “urgent” by the objective third party used to assess repairs/maintenance items at the TDSB. We believe that if you take the time to meet with us at a few TDSB school sites, you will agree with this call to action.

Considering longer-term opportunities for change, we agree with Minister Sandals that perhaps the TDSB is simply too large to govern effectively. We also believe that some of the TDSB’s dysfunction can be attributed to the frustration of Trustees who must govern in an environment where the Ministry holds power over the purse strings and most other aspects of the education system.

Minister Sandals said the independent review would concentrate on ***“how we can make things better at the TDSB going forward”*** and ***“how we can create a board that is more functional”***. We agree with these goals and encourage you to stay focused on the safety, success and well-being of students.

Kind regards,



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