



Celebrating 30 Years

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Dear Premier Wynne,

Too many TDSB schools are in a state of disrepair. For 20 years I have been affiliated with Jackman PS and so much of its infrastructure is in need of constant repair. One section of the roof has been leaking for over 5 years; the bucket in the stairwell is a constant reminder of the neglect.

The Provincial government is ultimately responsible for funding public schools and the province's proposal to fund repairs by selling off schools is incomplete and short sighted. This proposal, coupled with the poor management in the facilities section of the TDSB, will not result in the needed repairs to the infrastructure.

While governance of school boards is important, funding of school boards is even more important in resolving the issues that impact students' daily safety, wellbeing, and ability to learn. The TDSB Governance Advisory Panel consultations exclude discussion of funding and, as such, delay the pursuit of funding solutions to urgent issues such as the \$3.3-billion repair backlog, cuts to special education and overcrowding at 146 TDSB schools.

TDSB Governance consultations also don't include the Province's role in governance, even though the Province has power over both the money and major policy decisions. In refusing to take any responsibility, your government is undermining public confidence in the TDSB. As such, will you please:

1. Start working with the TDSB and the City of Toronto to find funding solutions to resolve key issues such as the \$3.3-billion TDSB repair backlog
2. Start fulfilling your stated mandate of using schools as community hubs
3. Acknowledge that selling off public schools is an incomplete funding solution to the \$3.3-billion repair backlog and is a short sighted approach
4. Act now. This cannot wait!

Sincerely,

Donna Spreitzer
Director