

## 2018-2019 BUDGET CONSULTATION SURVEY RESULTS

The 2018-2019 Budget Consultation survey was conducted online from **April 27, 2018 to May 10, 2018 (12 Noon)**, with **435 responses received**.

With the Board having balanced its budget two years earlier than originally planned, this year's consultation was a departure from previous years. The TCDSB community was invited to provide input and identify their priority areas through questions about seven (7) major program areas.

Survey respondents were asked to grade their agreement from **Strongly Agree to Agree**, or **Strongly Disagree to Agree**, with an option for **Neutral**.

The sample size response rate of **435 respondents** from the TCDSB ratepayer community estimated at half-a-million Torontonians means the **survey results are considered accurate 9 times out of 10, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4%**

A detailed summary of the budget survey results is provided on the following pages, itemized by question and the response by each stakeholder group.

Stakeholder Group Summary	Number
Parents	183
TCDSB Staff	203
Catholic Ratepayer	27
TCDSB Student	10
Others or Non ID	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>435</b>

## APPENDIX A

### Detailed Budget Survey Results by Question and Stakeholder Group

#### Question A – Transportation:

**1. The TCDSB should continue providing transportation services to non-qualifying and exceptional circumstance students.**

**Results Summary:** On average over 70% strongly agree or agree that this service should continue

**2. TCDSB should invest in a Student Travel Planning (STP) facilitator.**

**Results Summary:** Approximately 55% of respondents agreed with this as an investment, with about a quarter of respondents (24.7%) disagreeing.

#### Question B – Safe Schools:

**3. TCDSB Lunch Room supervision is adequate to ensure student safety.**

**Results Summary:** Opinion was split on this issue with just over 40% agreeing to strongly agreeing, and 43% disagreeing to strongly disagreeing.

**4. Supervision at student pick-up and drop-off school zones is adequate to ensure student safety.**

**Results Summary:** Results were mixed, with close to half of respondents (48%) believing pickup zones were safe, 30% disagreeing, and almost 20% neutral on this issue.

#### Question C – Special Education:

**5. The current level of Child and Youth Workers (CYW) workers in the classroom is adequate.**

**Results Summary:** Over 50% do not believe the current level of CYWs is adequate reflected by more than half of survey respondents indicating they disagree or strongly disagree with the statement.

#### Question D – Student Success:

**6. TCDSB should make additional investments in technology in the classroom in order to enhance the students learning environments and promote 21st Century.**

**Results Summary:** Over 80% agree or strongly agree that additional investments in this area is needed, with less than 9% disagreeing.

**7. The TCDSB should implement Before & After School Day Programs in all schools regardless of the financial sustainability of doing so.**

**Results Summary:** Over 46% want more implementation of more Before and After school programs

#### **Question E – Facilities**

**8. The schools in your neighborhood are clean and safe for students.**

**Results Summary:** Close to 62% strongly agree or agree that their schools are clean and safe.

**9. TCDSB should continue to maintain school facilities as a top priority. (i.e. repairs to walls, doors, windows, ceiling, light fixtures, and playgrounds, etc. in order to ensure student safety).**

**Results Summary:** Almost all respondents (97.6%) agreed with this as a top priority, with almost 3-quarters of respondents strongly agreeing that this is a top priority.

#### **Question F – Equity in School Funding**

**10. Socioeconomic factors should continue to be used as an allocation methodology to provide local funds to schools.**

**Results Summary:** Close to 62% wanted the current ratio maintained with no change (status quo), and only 21% believing there should be more socio-economic weighting.

**11. Based on our Catholic Values, TCDSB should be doing more to support equitable redistribution of fundraising revenues.**

**Results Summary:** Views on this issue were mixed. Some 34% agree or strongly agree with redistributing school-raised funds, with almost 40% strongly disagreeing or disagreeing with this approach.

#### **Question G – Living our Catholic Values**

**12. Resources and Learning materials provided to TCDSB students adequately facilitate the achievement of an education founded upon Religion/Family Life curriculum and Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.**

**Results Summary:** Over half (55%) agree or strongly agree that resources are adequately supporting student achievement in this program area. Only about 16% believe this is not the case.

**13. There are adequate Catholic faith based activities and community involvement events to bring together the Family, Parish and the School.**

**Results Summary:** Two-thirds of respondents (over 62%) hold the opinion that the level of Catholic faith-based activities and community initiatives are adequate.