



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND UPDATE

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13 (NRSVCE)*

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INFORMATION REPORT

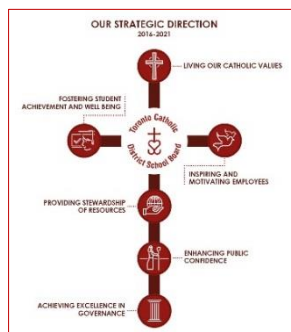
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At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On July 5, 2018, the Ministry of Education cancelled the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funding (GGRF) to school boards that had been announced on April 27, 2018 in Memorandum 2018:B11.

The Ministry will cover costs incurred if school boards have entered into contractual agreements between April 1, 2018 and the July 3, 2018. TCDSB entered into contracts for all of its \$3.8M GGRF allocation during this time period and therefore will not lose any previously allocated funding due to the cancellation of the program.

Staff focus when completing renewal projects is to reduce energy consumption, following the Board's Net Zero Energy strategy. The projects approved by Board on June 6, 2018, and the projects submitted to the Ministry of Education as per Appendix B of this report all meet the GGRF eligibility criteria.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 6 hours.

B. PURPOSE

To update the Board on the Ministry of Education's decision to cancel the Greenhouse Gas Reduction funding and the impact to the projects planned under this program.

C. BACKGROUND

1. On June 6, 2018, Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee approved the 2018-2019 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Energy Retrofit projects, as outlined in Appendix A. This was the second year of the program with TCDSB's allocation being \$3,833,680.00. Staff had initially prepared a list of projects amounting to more than \$8M in anticipation that the funding would be the same as the previous year's allocation of \$7.098M.
2. On July 5, 2018, the Ministry of Education announced in Memorandum 2018:B12 that the GGRF funding was cancelled, effective July 3, 2018. The memo stated that boards were not to enter into any further GGRF contracts after July 3, 2018 and that costs of contractual agreements entered into prior to July 3, 2018 would be covered by the Ministry of Education.

3. On July 24, 2018, the Ministry issued Memorandum 2018:B13, outlining further requirements for the wind-down of the GGRF program. Boards were required to provide details of incurred and expected eligible GGRF expenditures for contracts awarded between the period of April 1, 2018 and July 3, 2018. This information is attached in Appendix B and was submitted as required to the Ministry on August 3, 2018.
4. Part 1 of Appendix B lists GGRF eligible projects for which contractual commitments were made between April 1, 2018 and July 3, 2018. The list totals \$8.048M, which exceeds the Board's allocation of \$3.833M (refer to Background item #1). All eligible projects are listed to ensure that the full funding will be utilized in the event that some projects are not completed before the deadline of March 31, 2019. **As detailed in Appendix B, TCDSB will not lose any previously allocated funding due to the cancellation of the GGRF program.**
5. Part 2 of Appendix B lists planned or designed GGRF projects for which contractual commitments were not made between April 1, 2018 and July 3, 2018.
6. The majority of GGRF projects approved on June 6, 2018 (Appendix A) could not be listed in the Ministry submission because contractual commitments were made prior to April 1, 2018. These projects can continue and can be funded from the School Condition Improvement Grant (or Proceeds of Disposition for administration building work).

D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. As required by the Ministry of Education, all project expenditures will be reported in the Ministry's VFA database.
2. GGRF expenditures must be for contracts awarded between the period of April 1, 2018 and July 3, 2018.
3. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2019 to be eligible for the GGRF funding.
4. Planned projects that were not awarded prior to July 3, 2018 will be carried forward into the 2018-2019 Renewal Plan for approval by Board in the fall.

E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.