

## APPENDIX C: Consultation Survey Sample Comments Proposed Sharing of School Fundraising Revenue

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| Parent | I think funds raised by high income neighbourhood schools would go down if there is a mandatory sharing program. Fundraising is not a right and should not be counted in to support student needs - that responsibility does not fall on parents and neighbours but the board and ministry.   |
| Parent | <p>More volunteer resources to assist children with homework would be helpful for parents and children to close the learning gap.</p> <p>I believe in sharing fundraising efforts but I also believe that limiting the number of fundraising efforts should also be equal among all the schools. In high income schools there seems to be more fundraising efforts and the school board should keep in mind that because a student attends a school in a predominately high income area, does not mean that all parents have the means to pay for the many fundraising efforts. Not all high income schools have children attending that are living in high income households. This expectation creates a lot of pressure on those who can't afford to contribute to the many fundraising efforts of high income schools.</p> |
| Parent | There is the assumption that the parents of schools who are not in low income areas can afford endless fundraising. This is not true and fundraising requests can be unaffordable   |
| Parent | <p>Ask the government for the money for schools that need it. This is a bad idea. Do NOT do it. Period. If I want to give money for my child's school, it is because I see the need. I do not want my money sent anywhere else. If I see a need somewhere else, that is, if I am made aware of the need at another school, then let me decide if I should donate to them as well. I do NOT need YOU or ANYONE ELSE to make decisions for me with my money.</p> <p>Therefore, do not place this idea into action. If you do, I will never donate to my child's school again.</p>   |

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| Parent     | Many people think that schools in high income neighborhoods have better access to all the bells and whistles in education. Often that is not true. As a parent and teacher in a school(s) that are considered “high income” I feel that my kids and students are not seeing the benefits of the fundraising money that is apparently being raised at the schools. First of all, parent council decides on where the money goes often without staff input. Technology has to be purchased through the Board and costs way more than buying from a third party not too mention the technology is often outdated. Schools in lower income areas benefit from programs that are not accessible to our schools because people “consider us rich”. Funny because we have outdated resources, little to no art supplies and other basic needs. I think the board and all of its consultants need to be aware of these harsh realities. |
| Parent     | Our school constantly is asking for funds most families are 1 income homes. I feel what is asked of us is too much as is. Why doesn't the head office hold fundraiser since they have very well paid jobs and approach businesses for donations. You need to stop excepting families to pick up the slack for other schools and or everything it's too much.  |
| Parent     | More government funding for things like library books and computers so that school communities wouldn't need to raise money for these items in the first place. Unfortunately, while I think fund sharing is a good idea, I think many parent communities will be less likely to fund raise if the money isn't staying within their own school community.   |
| Parent     | Mentors for students. Leverage parents with skills to mentor kids who would benefit. Ie, high incom earners mentoring students from low income areas.   |
| Parent     | As a teacher in a low income school whose child attends a higher income area, I am responding from both perspectives. I have always hoped that this sharing of funds would happen, especially if we are to function as a Catholic school board.   |
| Parent     | Board can create opportunities for lower income areas to raise funds. Swim meets, local bbq, local community businesses.  |

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| Parent                       | <p>The board could establish and identify the types of programming enhancements that will be provided as a result of redistributing funds. Any formula should also take into consideration school needs regardless of income level of parents i.e. school yard status. I think it is also important to identify what the funds will be used for. If parent council is raising money we typically have to indicate for what purpose. similarly if we are redistributing funds we should know what for.</p>   |
| Parent Council (CSPC) Member | <p>Better parent involvement in fundraising activities at schools needing more monetary aid. This could be using fundraising resources that funds don't have to come from the parent body. For instance hosting events that involve the entire community, rather than just looking to parent donations for additional cash flow. We are not teaching them to fish, we are just feeding them. The sense of entitlement from parents/children is alarming and seriously disturbing. These comments are coming from a high needs school.</p> <p>Forced capital sharing will significantly reduce, if not destroy parent council fundraising initiatives. The goal of parent council is to raise funds for the specific needs of the school and children at that school. TDCBS is already responsible for managing the administration of all schools and there are significant gaps that continuously need to be filled at each school. Parents will not be willing to donate funds if they do not have a say in where these funds are going.</p> |
| Parent Council (CSPC) Member | <p>Since CSPC already decides how the raised money is spent they should make the decision to voluntarily support others school in need. Perhaps the board can come up with a list for each school that would include schools in the neighbourhood that are in need and share this with the CSPC. Then the council can make the decision if and how much they would like to contribute to other schools. As a member of CSPC myself I would not have an issue to allocate money to a school in need in my neighbourhood, I would however have an issue with the board deciding how each school spends their fundraised money. We may also want to consider if parents would contribute as much if they knew that their funds will be spent in other schools.</p>   |

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| Parent Council (CSPC) Member | School board to distribute yearly budget allotment appropriately. Parent fundraising should stay within the school that their child attends. Any fundraising done by the parent councils where the student parents are contributing money should go to the school that the student attends. |
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Every school has different needs and when the parents decide to contribute ( not everyone does) their money should specifically go to the event/ reason they are requesting this money in the first place. There are several low income area schools that have more programs / learning support that the higher income areas do not. The Government has already put forth a free higher education program for those from low income families, whilst they average family will not qualify for this funding!

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| TCDSB Employee | Fundraising and sharing is not just equitable but inherently catholic. it benefits the greater good and makes the playing field level. i also think the money that is centralized and distributed should be earmarked for specific purposes ie text books. it should be regulated to not include superficial purchases such as funding play days, aesthetic purchases such as school decorations, etc. |
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| TCDSB Employee | Disallow all fundraising altogether. Then everyone can suffer equally, regardless of income. Communism and Catholicism do not mix. |
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| TCDSB Employee | Take the pay from trustees and send it to needy schools. Dumbest idea ever |
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| TCDSB Employee | Donations of material. Our school get very little from fund raising. Our school is in a low-income area where many parents both work or can't speak English so we only have 2 parents that do all the fundraising, one of which is leaving this year. The other one is very busy and has not been able to help much this year. We have expressed the need for help in our newsletter for months and so far only 1 parent has come forward. |
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| Catholic School Stakeholder | I do not think schools should be fundraising. It creates unfair advantages for students in schools that have the economic power to raise copious amounts of money. We have to strive for equality. It is the Christian way.  |
| Catholic School Stakeholder | Ministry of Ed should compensate the schools that are needy/ The fundraisers are usually for something special that a particular community decides to get. Keep your nose out of it!! Stay out of it! Concentrate on the vision of the Board before it disappears!   |
| Catholic School Stakeholder | Lower income school receive clothing from higher income schools (lost and found), book donations to lower income schools, tech donations by higher income school CSPC.   |
| Catholic School Stakeholder | Schools that are good at fundraising could mentor parents in schools that are not good at fundraising. This is a longer term commitment. The problem is many schools, even with good fundraising, still don't have enough funds. The amount of support from the gov't is falling, and the needs of many children are growing. The way to address this is not to legislate donations, but to create a culture of sharing. |
| Catholic School Stakeholder | <p>Help parents councils be more productive. Provide mentors to help with fundraising.</p> <p>Help Parent Councils deliver value to their parents so they get engaged. This will only serve to drive them away. Taxing parent charity and labeling how productive parent councils are as either low or high income schools is an all time low for TCDSB.</p> <p>How divisive !!!!!!!!!</p>                               |