



REPORT TO

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### NON-RESIDENT VISA STUDENT FEES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*

**Galatians 3:28**

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### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Vision:**

*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**

*Non-Resident VISA fees require a market rate adjustment.* This report recommends that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) maintain the fees for Non-Resident VISA students. TCDSB does not receive any provincial grants for Non-Resident VISA students and TDSB is expected to increase its fees by \$500 for both elementary and secondary for 2019-20.

To maintain a competitive edge and implement the school caps on VISA students, Business Services and International Education staff recommend maintaining TCDSB's fees of \$12,500 for elementary and \$14,000 for secondary, unchanged from September 2018, but increase the application fee by \$50, and charge a \$40 wire transfer fee. It is anticipated that the TCDSB will continue to remain competitive and attractive to Non-Resident VISA students for September 2019.

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## **B. PURPOSE**

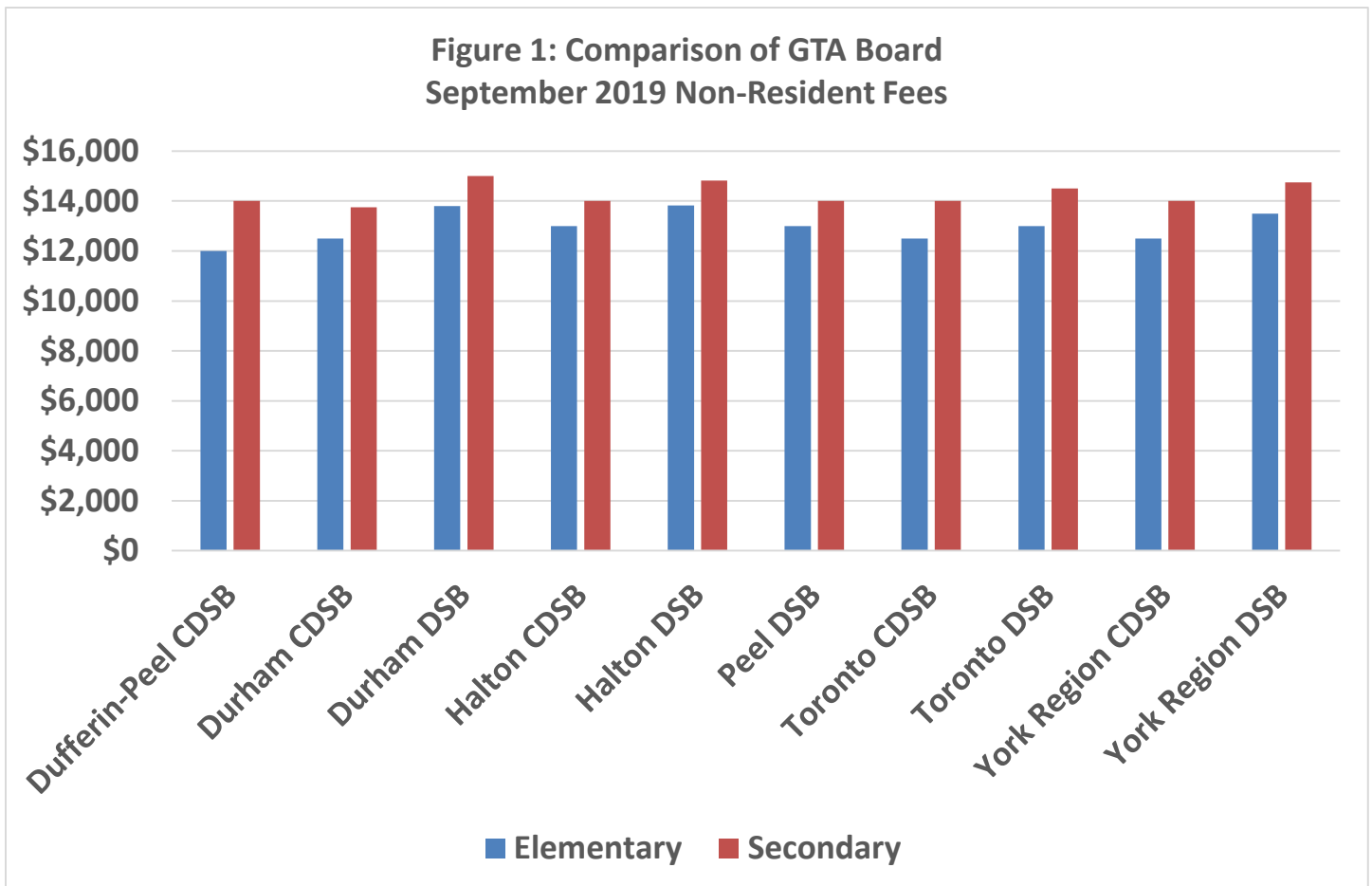
To set the TCDSB Non-Resident VISA student fees for the 2019-20 school year, enhance recruitment efforts and remain competitive with our co-terminus school board, the Toronto District School Board.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

- 1. This is an annual report provided to the Board for its consideration.* In 2002, the Board approved a motion requesting staff to prepare an annual report on the setting of Non-Resident VISA student fees and updates on any changes that have occurred with surrounding boards.
- 2. The Ministry sets a minimum, but no maximum for non-resident fees.* In March 2000, the Ministry of Education announced the Regulation made under the Education Act, "Calculation of fees for non-residents" for the 2000-01 school year. The regulation pertaining to the charging of tuition fees to VISA students does not set a maximum ceiling on how high the fees should be set, only a required minimum fee since the board does not receive any grants for Visa students.

## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

- 1. TCDSB remains comparable for both the Elementary and Secondary Visa Student fees.** Figure 1 presents a comparison of VISA Student Fees currently charged by boards in the GTA. Appendix A provides further details and multi-year comparisons. It is noted that similar to TCDSB, some Boards may further increase their fees for September 2019 and this is not yet reflected in this comparison. As illustrated in the chart, the fees within GTA Boards are very similar with the average being \$12,963 for Elementary and \$14,283 for Secondary. It is further noted that these tuitions are exclusive of some applicable additional fees such as for administration, health insurance and housing opportunities. These fees can vary between Boards, but the data below is still considered to be fair for comparative purposes.



2. ***All Boards exceed the minimum fee level set by the Ministry.*** For context, the Ministry of Education’s Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) requires a minimum VISA tuition fee charge of \$10,900 for elementary and \$11,745 for secondary.
3. ***The Ministry 2001 regulations on Non-resident students allowed boards to charge up to what the market would bear.*** The market in Toronto could bear up to \$13,000 for an elementary VISA student and \$14,500 for a secondary VISA student as depicted by the fees set by the Toronto District School Board.
4. ***The TCDSB implemented Director’s Caps in 2018-19.*** Business Services and International Education staff recommend that the tuition for both elementary and secondary remain unchanged, increase the application fee by \$50, and charge an administration fee of \$40 for those paying by wire transfer as the TCDSB incurs additional costs and tracking and reconciling wire transfers. The administration fee may also encourage parents to make their child’s payment using CIBC’s banking services, which would not have an additional fee.
5. ***TCDSB will continue to monitor the market.*** In the event TDSB or surrounding boards increase or decrease their fees for the 2019-20 school year, TCDSB staff will reevaluate and recommend adjustments to the tuition fee as appropriate.

**E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the fees for Non-Resident VISA students for September 2019 for Toronto Catholic District School board remain unchanged at \$12,500 for elementary and \$14,000 for secondary, but add \$50 to the administrative fee from \$200 to \$250, and add \$40 for wire transfer fee which banks are charging TCDSB.

<b><u>Panel</u></b>	<b><u>Yearly Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Pro-Rated Fee</u></b>
Elementary	\$12,500	or \$1,250 per month
Secondary (under 21)	\$14,000	or \$1,400 per month
Secondary (over 21-Fraser)	\$14,000	or \$1,400 per additional course