



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

CHILD CARE CAPITAL PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE (ALL WARDS)

*“I can do all things through HIM who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13 (NRSVCE)*

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INFORMATION REPORT

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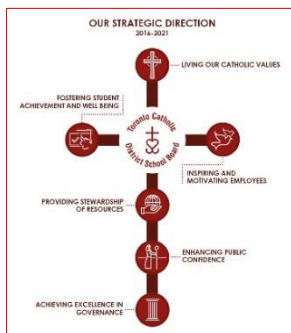
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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a result of Ministry of Education Memorandum 2019:EYCC3, issued on April 26, 2019, nineteen TCDSB child care projects in existing schools were put on hold pending confirmation from the City of Toronto that multi-year operating funding would be available for these projects once completed.

On October 30, 2019, Toronto City Council approved new operating funding for all nineteen of the TCDSB child care projects. Joint confirmation by TCDSB and City of Toronto has been submitted to the Ministry of Education and work on these projects is again proceeding.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 5 hours.

B. PURPOSE

This report provides an update to the status of nineteen standalone Child Care Projects that were put on hold as a result of Ministry of Education (EDU) Memorandum 2019: EYCC3.

C. BACKGROUND

1. *The current TCDSB Capital Program includes nineteen (19) Ministry of Education funded child care additions/retrofits.* On January 20, 2017, funding approval was received under EDU Memorandum 2016:B11 in the amount of \$9,279,248 for five (5) stand-alone child care projects (3 additions and 2 retrofits). On December 21, 2017, TCDSB received funding approval under EDU Memorandum 2017:B06 in the amount of \$18,293,826 for fourteen (14 stand-alone child care projects, 12 additions and 2 retrofits). Appendix A lists the board's school-based child care stand-alone projects.
2. *In April 2019, The Ministry of Education introduced a new requirement for Approval to Proceed to Tender (ATP) for stand-alone child care projects.* On April 26, 2019, EDU released Memorandum 2019:EYCC3 on the subject of Previously Approved School-Based Child Care Capital Projects. The memo stated that for stand-alone child care projects that have not yet received EDU ATP, school boards must receive confirmation from the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) that any required operating funding for

the new child care spaces will be provided by the CMSM from its existing operating budget. The CMSM for Toronto is City of Toronto Children's Services.

3. ***At the time of the EDU Memo, none of the TCDSB's nineteen stand-alone child care projects had received ATP.*** As previously reported, all design work on these projects was paused pending confirmation that the City of Toronto would be able to provide the required multi-year operating funding. Confirmation was to be provided by August 31, 2019, however, an extension until October 31, 2019 was granted by EDU at the request of the City of Toronto.
4. ***Six child care projects funded by City of Toronto Capital were not affected by Memo 2019: EYCC3.*** Three of these were retrofits that have recently been completed and three are additions that will be tendered for construction shortly.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. ***On October 30, 2019, Toronto City Council approved the new operating funding required for all nineteen TCDSB projects to proceed.*** Toronto Children's Services staff carried out an analysis of the need for child care spaces across the City. Based on this analysis and in consultation with the four school boards, City staff ranked the projects in order of priority and developed a financial model to support this. In the final staff report that went to City Council, it was recommended that operating funding be approved for all of the TCDSB projects. This report was approved.
2. ***Formal confirmation of multi-year operating funding was submitted to the Ministry of Education on October 31, 2019.*** The *Joint Confirmation – Previously Approved School-Based Child Care Capital Project* form was signed by both the TCDSB and the City of Toronto and submitted by TCDSB to the Ministry. Refer to Appendix A.

E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. School principals have been advised that child care addition and retrofit projects will proceed. Project status updates have been issued for distribution to parents and posted on the Board website.
2. Consultant teams for each of the projects have been notified that the projects are now proceeding and next steps for each individual project are being determined with Capital Project Supervisors.
3. Project timelines will be adjusted to account for the six-month pause and anticipated final completion dates will be communicated to the school communities through project status updates.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.