

REGULAR BOARD

SUMMER SCHOOL 2020 FEE REDUCTION REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For their sake he remembered his covenant, and showed compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Psalm106:45

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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

This report recommends that the 2020 summer school tuition fees for International Students be reduced from \$750 to \$375.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 4 hours

B. PURPOSE

1. This report is a result of a request by the International Education Department to reduce the 2020 summer school tuition fees for International Students.

C. BACKGROUND

- 1. The TCDSB has an enrolment of approximately 1100 International Students.
- 2. The tuition cost for secondary International Students is currently \$14 500 and is rising to \$16 000 in September 2020. Summer school fees are \$750 per credit.
- 3. The Covid-19 Pandemic deeply affected International Students by the closure of schools. Most of these students are living away from home and despite local supports, these young people are without family during a very stressful period.

D. ANALYSIS

- 1. We anticipate many summer programs being offered that relate to closing gaps in learning, credit upgrading, enrichment and remedial offerings that will help support all of our students.
- 2. International students forced to stay in the country will face unanticipated costs-including extended homestay and, if enrolling in summer school, additional tuition fees.

- 3. Typically, 250-300 International Students enrol in Summer School. The TCDSB Continuing Education Department staff are anticipating an enrolment increase for the summer of 2020 due to the varying international travel restrictions currently in place.
- 4. The anticipated financial impact generated by the reduced summer school tuition fees for International students is approximately in the range of \$93,750 \$112,500. Under normal circumstances, an average regular instructional student generates approximately \$3,500 in Grants for Student Needs based on the total instructional hours delivered in the Summer School Continuing Education Program. It is important to note, however, any one average student may only take 1 or 2 summer courses in any given school year.
- 5. Reducing summer school fees from \$750 to \$375 is as a sign of good faith and compassion for students and parents who, in addition to facing the stress of health concerns and family separation during COVID-19, may incur additional financial burden.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve a \$375 reduction of the 2020 Summer School tuition fee for International Students from \$750 to \$375.