



REPORT TO

## CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### 2019-20/2020-21 CAPITAL PRIORITIES FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it...Proverbs 13:11*

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#### INFORMATION 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**

On September 30, 2019, the TCDSB submitted its top ten (10) Capital Priorities, in the following ranked priority order: Buttonwood, Bishop Allen, St. Monica, Loretto Abbey, Our Lady of the Assumption, Notre Dame, Duke of York, Chaminade, St. Cyril and St. Raphael.

In letters dated March 31, 2020 and October 20, 2020 (*Appendix 'A'*), the Ministry of Education approved **\$102.3M in capital funding** to support the replacement of Bishop Allen Academy, the construction of both a new elementary and secondary school in central Etobicoke, and an addition/retrofit of Loretto Abbey.

The funding approval of these projects can now be presented publicly as a follow up to media releases by the Province pertaining to capital funding investments. This report also includes preliminary information concerning future funding submissions.

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## **B. BACKGROUND**

1. *On July 22, 2019, the Ministry of Education provided a memorandum detailing the process for consideration of 2019-20 Capital Priorities funding requests.*
2. *On September 30, 2019, the TCDSB submitted its top ten (10) Capital Priorities, in the following priority order: Buttonwood elementary and secondary, Bishop Allen, St. Monica, Loretto Abbey, Our Lady of the Assumption, Notre Dame, Duke of York, Chaminade, St. Cyril and St. Raphael.*

## **C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. *In July 2020, the Provincial Government announced over \$500 million to build 30 new schools and 15 permanent additions to existing facilities, along with nearly 900 new licensed child care spaces.*

2. ***This included the funding approval of a new 600 pupil place elementary school on the former Buttonwood site under the 2019-20 Capital Priorities allocation (Appendix 'B').*** This allocation consists of \$13.1 million Capital Grant and \$2.7 million for construction of a 5-room childcare on site for a total allocation of \$15.8 million.
  
3. ***With the additional challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry decided to expedite the approval of additional capital projects related to accommodation pressures across the province based on 2019-20 Capital Priorities Program submissions*** to reduce the administrative burden on school boards to submit business cases to support requests for funding.
  
4. Subsequently, ***on October 20, 2020, the Province announced an additional \$550 million to build 20 new schools and eight permanent school additions*** across the province in 2020-21.
  
5. ***Under the 2020-2021 Capital Priorities Grant program, The Ministry approved \$86.5 million in funding to construct 2,820 new pupil places (Appendix 'C') for the TCDSB secondary school projects identified below***

<b>Project</b>	<b>New pp</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central Etobicoke SS	900	\$26.4M
Bishop Allen Academy	1300	\$36.0M
Loretto Abbey Addition	620	\$24.1M

The Loretto Abbey addition will include retrofitting of the existing building to maintain unique elements while providing updated modern learning environments built to accommodate the existing population for a total of 1,100 pupil places.

6. ***Planning for these recently approved projects will begin in the coming months.*** A local design committee will be formed for each community and will be involved throughout the design and construction process.
  
7. ***The Ministry is anticipating the launch of a Child Care Capital Program to support the submission of Board requests for child care***

*centre stand-alone projects that are not associated with Capital Priorities.* No timelines have been provided to date for this funding stream. This was previously referred to as Early Years Capital Program funding, and last offered in 2017. As in previous submissions, TCDSB will work in collaboration with the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager of the City of Toronto on this funding request.

8. *In addition, the Ministry is also expecting to initiate the 2021-22 Capital Priorities program, inclusive of requests for new business cases, in the Spring of 2021.* Staff will begin analysis in anticipation of further program details, and continue consultation with Ministry capital staff to ensure business cases are consistent with Ministry initiatives and criteria. The Board will be informed of timelines as soon as the Ministry issues a memorandum with detailed program requirements.

## **D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the consideration of the Board.