



REPORT TO

**CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND PROPERTY
COMMITTEE**

**EARLY YEARS CAPITAL PROGRAM (EYCP)
FUNDING 2020-21**

"All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children." Isaiah 54:13

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

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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 December 16, 2020, the Ministry of Education issued memorandum: *2020:B25 Request for Early Years Capital Program (EYCP) Funding* as outlined in *Appendix 'A'*. This supports the provincial plan of making childcare accessible and part of opening up to 10,000 new childcare spaces over the next five (5) years. This program focuses on school-based stand-alone childcare projects that are not currently part of a school larger capital project.

Each board will have an opportunity to submit up to five (5) projects for funding consideration prior to the January 29, 2020 submission deadline. TCDSB has consulted with multiple stakeholders and have identified five (5) projects that are supported by the Early Years department and City Early Years Managers.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 12 hours

B. PURPOSE

This report will outline the methodology used in the child care site selection process to in collaboration with the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager of the City of Toronto for the Early Years Capital Program funding request.

C. BACKGROUND

1. *On December 16, 2020, the Ministry of Education issued memorandum: 2020:B25 Request for Early Years Capital Program (EYCP) Funding as outlined in Appendix 'A'. The deadline for submission of up to five (5) childcare capital projects is January 29, 2021.*

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ ANALYSIS

1. *The Ministry of Education is committed to opening up to 10,000 new child care spaces over the next five years.* This process will be handled through EYCP funding, separate from the capital priorities funding process. School Boards must work with the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager of Child Care and Early Years in the City of Toronto to submit a joint funding request to the Ministry of Education as done in previous Child Care capital funding.

2. ***On January 5, 2021, The City provided a ranked listing of schools identifying those areas that are furthest away from meeting the targets in the Council approved Growth Strategy. It is the City's highest priority to meet the inequities in access to childcare.***
3. ***The ranking follows the City's Growth Strategy for licensed Child Care that sets a benchmark of serving 50% of children aged 0-4. Areas with less than 50% are targeted for the expansion of infant, toddler and preschool spaces.***

Schools were ranked based on need for childcare spaces under the following criteria:

- a) Schools without any Child Care (including Before and After School);
- b) Schools with Before and After School programs only;
- c) Schools with Child Care (with schools having 0 spaces ranking highest)

Within each of the three groupings, schools have been ranked based on ward and neighbourhood priority, i.e. the degree to which the area in which the school is located meets the benchmark of 50%.

4. ***On January 11, 2021, TCDSB staff met with Child Care representatives from the City of Toronto. TCDSB provided their proposed Early Years Capital Program funding submissions to the City for review and discussion. The final submission requires final sign off by the City Early Years Lead before forwarding a joint funding request to the Ministry.***
5. ***TCDSB and City staff have a meeting planned to review proposed submissions with TDSB staff on January 18, 2020. This may further influence the distribution of proposed projects prior to the submission deadline in order to maximize the potential funding award. The Board will be notified if there are any further changes or updates to the projects proposed in this report.***
6. ***Prior to the meeting with the City, TCDSB staff considered the City ranked list against Ministry priorities established in the memo and staff assessed each site and identified schools that were best suited for capital Child Care project. The final list, supported by TCDSB and City Early Years representatives, is based on improvements considering the following factors:***

- School capacity
- Future enrolment
- Location and site conditions
- Long-term viability
- Cost-effectiveness

7. ***The Ministry does not fund child care operating costs as these are expected to be recovered from fees charged.*** Any funding received through this funding stream will only fund the capital/renovation work as outlined in Appendix ‘A’.
8. TCDSB will be submitting a request to fund early years and child care capital projects in the amount of approximately \$6M, inclusive of estimated site costs, at the following schools:

<i>School Name</i>	<i>Trustee Ward</i>	<i>Addition/Retrofit</i>
<i>St. Florence</i>	<i>Ward 8</i>	<i>Retrofit</i>
<i>St. Malachy</i>	<i>Ward 8</i>	<i>Addition</i>
<i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>	<i>Ward 8</i>	<i>Retrofit</i>
<i>Blessed Margherita Of Citta Di Castello</i>	<i>Ward 3</i>	<i>Addition</i>
<i>Immaculate Heart Of Mary</i>	<i>Ward 12</i>	<i>Retrofit and Partial Addition</i>

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

An announcement for EYCP funding is anticipated in the 2021-2022 school year. A report to the Board detailing the amount of funding received for child care capital improvements will be provided upon notification of a funding award.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the five (5) child care projects identified below be submitted to the Ministry of Education for Early Years Capital Program (EYCP) funding consideration.

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