



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE FUNDING SUBMISSION (ALL WARDS)

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

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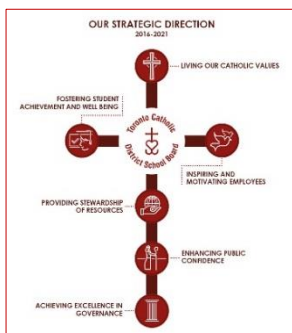
Vision:

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

As a result of the Federal Climate Action Incentive Funding (CAIF) intake request released on December 18, 2020, supporting energy efficiency retrofits in Ontario schools, an application for this funding has been submitted to the Ministry of Education (EDU). The TCDSB funding allocation is \$1,512,535.00 to cover 40% of eligible project costs. The remaining 60% must be matched by other Board funding (Renewal or Capital Priorities), resulting in project costs totalling up to \$3,781,337.50. Eligible expenditures must be incurred between May 15, 2020 and March 31, 2021. The submission deadline was January 15, 2021.

Based on the program requirements and project eligibility outlined in EDU Memorandum 2020:B26, 20 projects totalling \$4,393,042.00 have been selected and are listed in Appendix B. This exceeds the Board's identified incentive allocation as EDU has advised that surplus funding may be available to be re-allocated if some boards do not have sufficient eligible projects.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 11 hours.

B. PURPOSE

This report is to inform Trustees about the TCDSB submission in response to EDU Memorandum 2020:B26 *Intake Request for Funding through the Federal Climate Action Incentive Fund (CAIF)*.

C. BACKGROUND

1. ***Memorandum 2020:B26, Intake Request for Funding through the Federal Climate Action Incentive Fund (CAIF) was released on December 18, 2020, from EDU.*** The Memo informed Directors of Education that the Federal Government, through its CAIF, will be providing up to \$40.9 million for energy efficiency improvements and retrofits in Ontario schools. The TCDSB allocation is \$1,512,535.00. The allocation is based on a formula with 25% of total funding divided equally between all Ontario school boards and the remainder allocated on a per pupil basis. The Memorandum is attached as Appendix A.

2. ***CAIF is a time-limited, cost matching program for eligible projects and expenditures incurred by school boards between May 15, 2020 and March 31, 2021.*** The funding cannot be carried forward beyond March 31, 2021. As a result, the funding must be applied, for the most part, to projects already underway utilizing previously approved School Renewal or Capital Priorities funding. Eligible projects must result in a reduction in energy use and/or greenhouse gas emissions.
3. ***The turnaround time from the release of the funding Memorandum, just prior to the Christmas break, to the submission date was very tight.*** The deadline for submission to EDU was January 15, 2021. The Province will be submitting the final package with their nominated projects to the Federal government on January 29, 2021. Federal review and approval is to be completed by March 31, 2021.
4. ***Eligible expenditures include those that support the replacement, renewal and installation of new energy efficient building components.*** Eligible projects include: energy efficient lighting systems, HVAC systems/controls, solar photovoltaic and electric vehicle charging stations (on site and for own-use), and other pre-defined enhancements to the building envelope. The eligible facilities are expected to remain open and operating for a minimum of five years after December 31, 2021.
5. ***For every dollar provided by the Government of Canada through the CAIF incentive, an additional \$1.50 must be spent by school boards.*** In other words, the TCDSB funding allocation of \$1,512,535.00 is to cover 40% of eligible project costs. The remaining 60% must be matched by other Board funding (Renewal or Capital Priorities), resulting in project costs totalling up to \$3,781,337.50.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH ANALYSIS

1. ***The projects were selected based on the program's eligibility criteria as follows:***
 - (a) must be completed by March 31, 2021;
 - (b) with expenditures incurred after May 15, 2020;
 - (c) must demonstrate reduction in energy use/costs and GHGs.Due to the restrictive project timeline, the majority of the submitted projects are approved School Renewal projects already underway or completed.

2. ***A total of 20 eligible projects were identified and submitted.*** These include HVAC retro-commissioning, lighting retrofits, window replacements, boiler upgrades and Building Automation System (BAS) upgrades. Installation of two electric vehicle charging stations in the underground parking at the new St. Joseph Morrow Park Secondary School has also been included. This was possible because the electrical rough-in was provided during construction of the new school.
3. ***The total project value submitted is \$4,393,042.00.*** This exceeds the project value of \$3,781,337.503 corresponding to the Board's incentive allocation, as EDU has advised that surplus funding may be available to be re-allocated if some other boards do not have sufficient eligible projects. The list of submitted projects has been included in Appendix B.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. ***The majority of projects submitted for the CAIF incentive are currently approved for funding from the School Condition Improvement (SCI) Grant and/or School Renewal Allocation (SRA).*** A financial adjustment will be required to transfer project costs already booked in the 2020 fiscal year to the CAIF funding. The respective SCI and SRA funding offset by the CAIF incentive will be returned to the Renewal Plan Contingency Allowance.
2. ***The ministry will require additional project details from school boards on approved projects.*** It is recommended that school boards keep the required information to ensure that project details can be submitted to the Ministry of Education for review by the federal government. School boards shall submit an attestation with each report/template to confirm that funding was used to support eligible projects and expenditures.
3. ***Verification of energy use and/or greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction as a result of the funded projects will be required.*** EDU will provide additional details, at a later date, about reporting templates for verifying the reduction in energy use and GHGs associated with the CAIF funded projects. These verification reports/evidence will be required after projects' completion.
4. ***An update will be provided to the Board upon receiving Ministry of Education's feedback on the list of projects approved to receive the funding.***

F. CONCLUSION

This Report is for the consideration of the Board.