



REPORT TO

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

**ENROLMENT STATUS REPORT 2021/2022  
ALL WARDS**

*And now bless the God of all, who everywhere works great wonders, who fosters our growth from birth, and deals with us according to his mercy., Sirach 50:22*

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

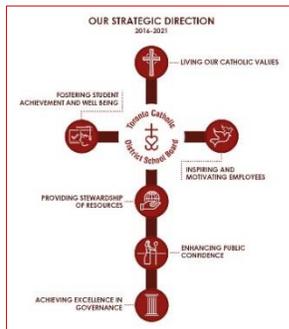
**Vision:**

*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

This report provides a comparison of the preliminary Average Daily Enrolment (ADE) enrolment figures as of October 31, 2021 with the Board approved projected enrolment for October 31, 2021.

As of the projection date, elementary enrolment is within -4.4% of the projected number, while secondary enrolment is within 0.1% of the projection. Waitlisted students continue to be accommodated where schools have available space.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 15 hours*

## B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with enrolment statistics and analysis in relation to Board approved enrolment projections for the 2021-2022 school year.

## C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

### 1. Elementary Panel Enrolment

	JK	SK	Gr1	Gr2	Gr3	Gr4	Gr5	Gr6	Gr7	Gr8	Total
In Person	4,729	4,935	5,305	5,409	5,343	5,487	5,432	5,607	5,700	5,921	<b>53,868</b>
Virtual	227	364	361	464	464	539	500	550	507	362	<b>4,338</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>5,299</b>	<b>5,666</b>	<b>5,873</b>	<b>5,807</b>	<b>6,026</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>6,207</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>58,206</b>

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Actual	4,946	5,299	5,666	5,873	5,807	6,026	5,932	6,157	6,207	6,283	<b>58,206</b>
Proj.	5,548	5,500	5,907	6,108	6,128	6,340	5,969	6,438	6,454	6,509	<b>60,901</b>
<b>Diff.</b>	<b>-592</b>	<b>-201</b>	<b>-241</b>	<b>-235</b>	<b>-321</b>	<b>-314</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-281</b>	<b>-247</b>	<b>-226</b>	<b>-2,695</b>

- ***Actual elementary enrolment is within -4.4% of the projected enrolment numbers approved in March 2021.***
- ***Staff have communicated with other Greater Toronto Area school boards throughout the province, and all with the exception of Durham Region have confirmed similar declines in elementary enrolment (Appendix 'A').***
- ***The largest discrepancy between projections and actual enrolment is in FDK. Elementary principals with lower than anticipated JK enrolment were contacted to comment on local rationale for this decline.*** Principals at these schools have confirmed that some families have chosen not to enrol their children for this school year due to risks associated with COVID-19 and the uncertainty of learning models. Elementary schools with the largest discrepancies between projected enrolment and actual enrolment such as St Charles Garnier, St Jude, St Andrew and St Augustine of Canterbury all share the same commonality in that they are located within densely populated areas.
- Elementary enrolment numbers are lower than they were at the same point last year (October 31, 2020)
- ***Immigration levels in Toronto have declined throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This has contributed to enrolment challenges in areas that typically accommodate newcomers to the country.*** Boarder restrictions remain in place for certain countries contributing to the decline in newcomers to the TCDSB panel. In addition, after consultation with Elementary Principals, newcomers to the City of Toronto have started to settle in more affordable municipalities.
- ***Rural and suburban school boards have seen significant growth to their enrolment numbers while urban school boards have seen a decrease.*** Through consultations with School Principals, families are moving out of the City of Toronto towards municipalities with more affordable real estate and rent costs continue to soar within city limits. According to StatsCan (*Appendix 'B'*), reports from July 2019- July 2020 indicate that the City of Toronto lost 50,000 residents to migration within other parts of the province citing personal health, the ability to work from home and rising housing prices as the main contributors. The average home sold price within the City of Toronto rose by 13% from July 2020 and is currently \$1,070,911 posing affordability issues for families (*Appendix 'C'*). In addition, the average rent across all properties

in August 2021 was \$1,763 representing no change from 2020 year over year but signalling recovery from the slump at the height of the pandemic.

- *Elementary students participating in virtual learning currently comprise 7.4% of the total Elementary student population.*

## 2. Secondary Panel Enrolment

	Gr 9	Gr 10	Gr 11	Gr 12	Total
Actual	6,416	6,292	6,425	7,721	26,854
Projected	<b>6,271</b>	<b>6,425</b>	<b>6,426</b>	<b>7,704</b>	<b>26,826</b>
Difference	<b>145</b>	<b>-133</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>

- *Actual secondary enrolment is within 0.1% of the projected enrolment numbers approved in March 2021.*
- *The modified semester model of secondary class delivery involves smaller cohorted classes with students in school buildings for two classes a day. Synchronous and asynchronous learning methods are available to those students who have chosen remote learning or who must self-isolate.*
- *There has been a slight decrease in International Student enrolment.* The International and Continuing Education department reports 495 International students compared to the 572 from the 2020/2021 school year and a significant decrease from previous years where International Student enrolment held around 1000 pupils.

## 3. Total Enrolment (ADE)

	Total	% Diff.
Actual ADE	85,060	<b>-3.0%</b>
Projected ADE	<b>87,727</b>	
Difference	<b>-2,667</b>	

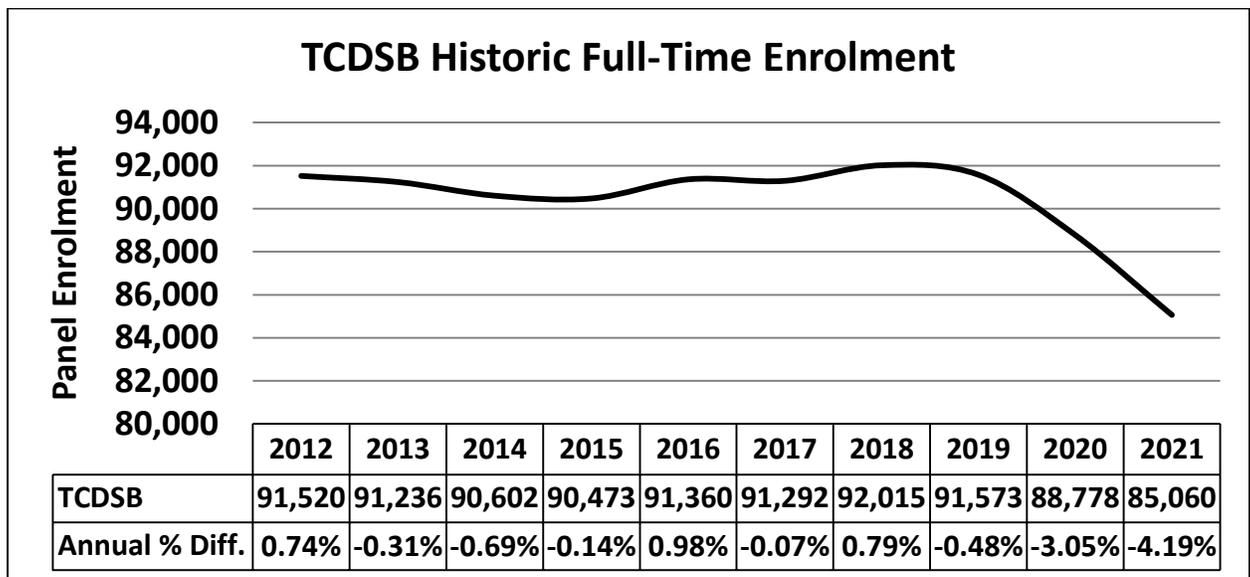
- *Enrolment statistics will continue to fluctuate as students return from extended leave and waitlists are cleared.*

#### 4. Comparison of Actuals

	Total	% Diff.
2020 Actual ADE	87,302	-2.5%
2021 Actual ADE	85,060	
Difference	-2,242	

#### 5. Historical Projection Information

- *Although this year is different than any other, recent historical trends indicate that the TCDSB can expect the trend of overall enrolment holding steady in the coming years.*



- Elementary enrolment experienced decline between 2008 and 2015 and then entered a period of sustained up to 2019. *Although an enrolment decline has been experienced over the last two school years, due in part to migration out of the GTA, enrolment projection models consider a recovery to pre-COVID enrolment numbers gradually due to strong residential housing development within the City of Toronto. Staff will continue to monitor enrolment anomalies associated with COVID-19 for consideration in future enrolment projection models.*

- Secondary enrolment had been in decline since 2011. For the 2020-2021 School year, secondary growth has levelled off. *Planning staff anticipate a future period of slight growth as previous growth experienced in the Elementary panel moves through the Secondary Panel.*

#### **D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. Staff will continue to monitor and track enrolment as it relates to 2021-2022 Board approved enrolment projections. COVID-19 has presented challenges to reporting on enrolment. Staff will continue to observe and adjust projections as required in the context of this evolving situation.

#### **E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the information of the Board.