

To: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

From: Deborah Nightingale

Subject: Special Education - One Size Doesn't Fit All

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WHEREAS: SEAC recognizes and supports a very diverse variety of Special Education needs and the requirement for an appropriate variety of beneficial education options for students both identified and not identified with Special Education needs in the TCDSB, and

WHEREAS: These options must be based on best practices, and education research on how to meet different students' needs, and should offer relevant options and real parent and student choice, and

WHEREAS: In a board of this very large size and diversity of needs, a variety of different options to meet different and diverse needs should be offered in appropriate classroom environments,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The TCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) recommends to the board that the TCDSB deliver a variety of appropriate education options to meet diverse Special Education needs, based on: education research; feedback from educators, parents and students on all relevant options; and advocacy by those with specific involvement and experience with those specific exceptionalities.

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