



## REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL  
BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

## 2022-23 NON-RESIDENT VISA STUDENT FEES

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus"*  
**Galations 3:28**

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## RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Vision:** *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

**Mission:** *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



**MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**  
2022 - 2025

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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) maintain the fees for Non-Resident Visa Students. TCDSB does not receive any provincial grants for Non-Resident Visa Students and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) is expected to keep its fees for 2022- 23 unchanged from 2021-22 at this time.

Staff recommends maintaining TCDSB's fees of \$16,000 for Elementary and Secondary respectively to effectively match the TDSB fees. It is anticipated that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will continue to remain competitive and attractive to Non-Resident Visa Students for September 2022.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 2 hours.*

## B. PURPOSE

1. To set the TCDSB Non-Resident Visa student fees for the 2022-23 school year, enhance recruitment efforts and remain competitive with TDSB.

## C. BACKGROUND

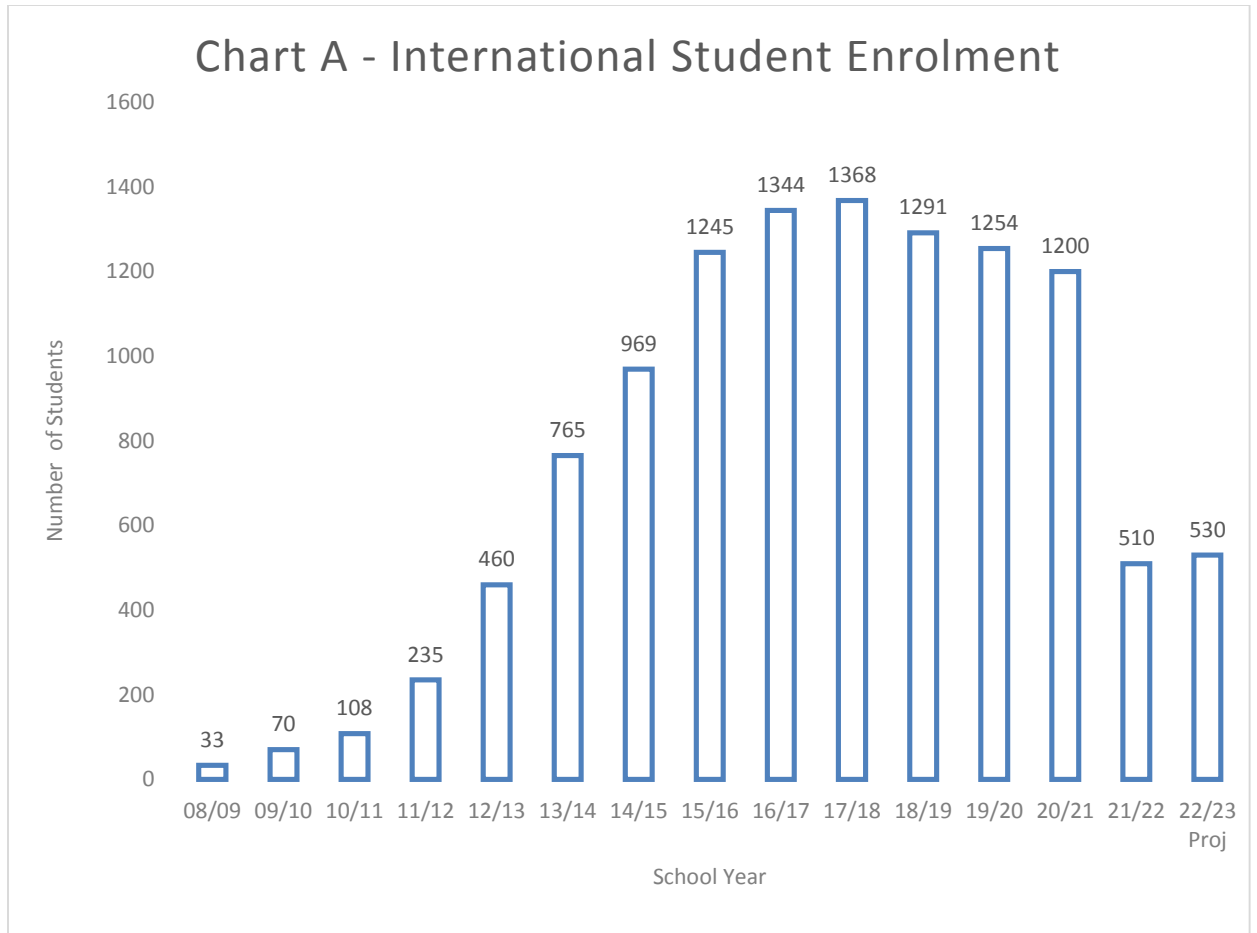
1. ***This is an annual report provided to the Board for its consideration.*** In 2002, the Board approved a motion requesting that staff prepare an annual report on the setting of Non-Resident Visa Student Fees including a scan of what surrounding Boards are charging.
2. ***The Ministry sets a minimum, but no maximum for non-resident fees.*** In March 2000, the Ministry of Education introduced a Regulation within the Education Act with respect to the calculation of fees for non-residents. The Regulation pertaining to the charging of tuition fees to Visa students does not set a maximum ceiling on how high fees should or could be established but rather a required minimum. The minimum fee is presently \$11,482 for Elementary students and \$11,945 for Secondary students. The Board does not receive any grants for Visa students.

## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. ***TCDSB remained comparable for both the Elementary and Secondary Visa Student fees in the 2021-22 School year.*** Most boards will not set their

fees for the following school year 2022-23 until Spring 2022 so there is very little comparative data. At this time the only Board to set its fees for September 2022-23 is the TDSB.

2. ***International Student Fees were discussed during past budget discussions.*** Fees were established at \$16,000 per panel during the 2020-21 budget process and were maintained for the 2021-22 school year. Prior to 2020-21 the fees were \$13,000 Elementary and \$14,000 Secondary. The increased fee was intended to maintain parity with the TDSB and also to offset a levy of \$1,300 per non-resident student introduced by the Ministry for the 2020-21 school year. The fee is inclusive of a \$500 premium for mandatory health insurance. An application fee of \$350 as well as a \$40 administration fee for payments made via wire transfer (cost recovery) are also charged in addition to the fee.
3. ***The TCDSB implemented Director's Caps in 2018-19.*** In collaboration with the International Students Department, Planning Services and Director's Council, caps for International Visa Students were developed for all secondary schools, with a particular focus on oversubscribed schools. These caps were approved at the February 2, 2018, meeting of the Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee and are applicable as a total for all grade level International Students per school.
4. ***TCDSB will continue to monitor the market.*** In the event TDSB or surrounding Boards change their fees for the 2022-23 school year, TCDSB staff will re-evaluate and recommend adjustments to the tuition fee as appropriate.
5. ***Enrolment levels have fluctuated in recent years for a variety of reasons.*** Chart A below shows the enrolment levels for International Students from 2008-09 to present. The program grew steadily as a greater focus was placed on marketing and active recruitment. The levelling off following a peak enrolment in 2017-18 was due to the caps imposed effective 2018-19. The significant drop off for 2021-22 and projected participation for 2022-23 is pandemic related. Staff has remained vigilant in actively recruiting and is in constant contact with our various agency partners.



## E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Fees for Non-Resident Visa Students remain at \$16,000 for both the Elementary and Secondary panels for the 2022-23 school year.