

St. Josaphat Cathedral

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110 Tenth St. Etobicoke, ON

OVER **200** NEW NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING
UKRAINIAN STUDENTS and GROWING...

Delegate: TCDSB Board Meeting 23 March 23

Previous discussions regarding St. Josaphat CCS:

- **Emails TCDSB dated 10, October 2022;**
 - **Superintendents, principals, Trustee**
- **1st Delegations @ Student Achievement Committee 2 March, 2023**
 - **Report, provided by Senior staff 21 (22?) March, 2023**
 - **Report presented to the board 22 March, 2023, against board policy which allows for public receipt of report minimum 72hrs before presentation to address concerns**
- **Emails to Ministry Of Education dated**
 - **Reply received 10, March 2023**
 - **Funding is provided by MoE to School Board to allocate**
- **2nd Delegations : Yesterday?**
 - **To respond to the staff report to the board, received and presented yesterday(?)**
- **3rd Delegations: Today**
 - **We continue our discussion about the Concerns of Our School and Community**

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The Concerns for our School Population:

1. Finance: Where is the money

2. Equity: It's NOT fair

3. Inclusion: No Child Left Behind

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1. Finance: Grants for Student Needs (GSN) aka “Funding Formula”

- St. Josaphat CCS Student population
 - June 2022: 150 Students
 - March 18, 2023: 400 Students; 250 NEW students from Ukraine on CUAET program
- Letter from Ministry of Education indicated additional funding for Students from CUAET Program (10 March, 2023)
- CFO TCDSB, at the Student Achievement meeting, indicated the funding is not specifically being allocated to the student population because of previous debts (2 March, 2023; Video begins Budget Framework report at 2:30:40).
*No where in the budget framework presentation was our student population requirements even considered.

“...point that whether they give us new money in a particular area or not it might have to be directed towards unfunded costs...” CPA, CA, CFO and Treasurer TCDSB. Student Achievement meeting March 2023

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2. Equity: 2021/2022 & 2022/2023 Funds for CUAET Students

- Students coming from war torn country require additional supports.
- TCDSB and Ministry of Education, both claim that funding is provided for the supports, however are blatantly not being spent on the supports; it is not EQUITABLE or FAIR;
- Language barrier itself takes time away from in class learning as well as creates distraction
- The breakdown of funding received and funding provided and allocated to St. Josaphat Catholic School is not equitable. An additional \$10,000 for the school block budget, for a school whose population has grown by more that 100% is not Equitable. (Email from TCDSB Superintendant, October 2022)

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3. Inclusion

Definition- the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized, such as those who have physical or intellectual disabilities and members of other minority groups.

-Ministry of Education stated, “Our government has funded hiring of 7,000 additional education workers in our schools to better meet the needs of Ontario Students”. (Letter from Ministry of Education, dated 10 March 2023)

-Language barriers are not being adequately addressed with ESL and Spec Ed in the school

-It is difficult for anyone to translate and listen and learn all at the same time, much less young kids who are suffering PTSD, culture shock and daily reminders of being unsettled from their home.

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We have listened to you.

Now please hear us

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Actionable Items Needed right away #1

-Funding: Provide a breakdown and equitable funding for our school community, with the funds that have been provided for the intent of the funding; specifically funding allocated to students arriving on CUAET program SHOULD BE used for these students.

OUR SCHOOL is NOT a TCDSB personal piggy bank to be used to pay off debts previously accumulated.

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Actionable Items Needed right away #2

-Equity: Ensure the MoE Funding Policy Directives, for allocation of funds, are allocated for our school based on priorities- OUR SCHOOL SHOULD BE A PRIORITY.

No school in TCDSB history has ever accepted so many new students in such a short period of time.

Bring back the retired principal to support our Principal, Staff and Students- they know the lay of the land and they are ready to roll.

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Actionable Items Needed right away #3

Inclusion: ESL Language Teachers Hired Full Time to adequately help our whole student population, from Gr 1 to Gr 8

*Learning Recovery Action Plan (MOE, \$175 million February 2022) TUTORS can be brought directly into St.Josaphat per TCDSB Discretion to support our student needs and requests of the families.

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Thank-you TCDSB

During March Break, the school building had undergone a huge Spring clean-up; including, but not limited to, bathrooms being painted, floors being washed and waxed, desks all disinfected. Many of health and safety concerns were actioned upon, very quickly, and we are very grateful for the attention to these issues.

“Walking with Christ: with eyes of faith and hope, with hearts of kindness and love, with minds of justice and peace.”

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