



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC  
PLANNING AND PROPERTY  
COMMITTEE

**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” (Galatians 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) not increase fees for Non-Resident Visa students for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Business Services and the International Education Department staff recommend maintaining TCDSB's tuition fees at \$17,000 per year for both Elementary and Secondary Non-Resident students. It is also recommended that the application fee of \$400 and the mandatory health insurance fee of \$500 are also not increased. This will ensure that our fees are in line with TDSB and with other coterminous districts. It is anticipated that by adopting this strategy the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) will continue to remain competitive and attract Non-Resident Visa students.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 8 hours.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

To set the TCDSB Non-Resident Visa student fees for the 2025-2026 academic school year.

Maintaining tuition fees will ensure that we continue to attract students to our district.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

This is an annual report provided to the Board for its consideration. In 2002, the Board approved a motion requesting staff to prepare an annual report on the setting of Non-Resident Visa student fees and updates on any changes that have occurred with surrounding boards.

The TCDSB does not receive any provincial grants for Non-Resident Visa students, therefore a fee is charged. Under Ontario Regulation 349/24, "Calculation of Fee for Pupils for the 2024-2025 School Board Fiscal Year", the Ministry of Education sets a minimum for Non-Resident Visa student fees, but no maximum. The minimum fee must be no less than the per pupil base fee specified in the regulation.

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. Non-Resident Student Visa fee amounts was a topic during budget discussions. Based on an environmental scan of other coterminous boards, staff is recommending that the tuition fee is maintained at \$17,000 per annum. It is further recommended that the application fee is maintained at \$400 in addition to the \$500-dollar mandatory Health Insurance premium. The total annual tuition payable and additional fees is \$ 17,900 for new pupils and \$ 17,500 for returning pupils. An administration fee of \$40 shall be charged to all students not using the CIBC on-line banking service. Future potential increases will be informed by the ongoing analysis of market forces.

The Ministry of Education has not updated the regulation for the 2025-2026 academic year which outlines the minimum fee. However, the minimum amount to be charged in the 2024-2025 academic year is \$ 12,992 for Elementary and \$ 13,014 for Secondary. Our current fees are anticipated to be above the new fees which will be set for 2025-2026.

Based on an environmental scan, most school boards within our district are maintaining their tuition fees. Our current tuition is in line with TDSB, and they are not proposing an increase. Therefore, staff recommends that the tuition, application and mandatory Health Insurance premium be maintained.

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Board staff will ensure that the fees for Non-Resident Visa students for September 2025 are implemented for both Elementary and Secondary students.

## **F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation that Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) maintain fees for Non-Resident Visa students as outlined in this report.