



REPORT TO

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

**NON-RESIDENT VISA STUDENT FEES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2016**

“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Psalm 27:1

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RECOMMENDATION 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 rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity



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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 to match the rates established by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). TCDSB does not receive any provincial grants for Non-Resident Visa students and TDSB is expected to keep its fees for 2016-17 unchanged from 2015-16 at this time. Business Services staff recommends maintaining TCDSB's fees of \$12,500 and \$14,000 respectively to match the TDSB fees of \$12,500 elementary and \$14,000 secondary. 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 2016.

B. PURPOSE

To set the TCDSB Non-Resident VISA student fees for the 2016-17 school year, enhance recruitment efforts and remain competitive with our co-terminus school board, the Toronto District School Board.

C. BACKGROUND

The Committee of the Whole Board during the meeting scheduled for March 2002, approved a motion requesting staff to prepare an annual report on the setting of Non-Resident VISA student fees.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

In March 2000, the Ministry of Education announced the Regulation made under the Education Act, "Calculation of fees for non-residents" for the 2000-01 school year. The regulation pertaining to the charging of tuition fees to Visa students does not set a maximum ceiling on how high the fees should be set, only a required minimum fee since the board does not receive any grants for Visa students. In 2002, the board raised TCDSB fees to achieve relative parity with its co-terminus counterpart for September 2003 and requested annual updates of any changes that occurred with the surrounding boards.

The following is a comparison of the fees for Visa students charged by boards in the GTA:

Note	GTA School Boards	Elementary				
		12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep
1	Dufferin-Peel CDSB	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
2	Durham CDSB	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200
3	Durham DSB	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,400	\$12,700
4	Halton DSB	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
5	Halton CDSB	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
6	Peel DSB	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$14,040
7	Toronto DSB	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
8	Toronto CDSB	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
9	York Region DSB	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,550	\$12,500
10	York Region CDSB	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,000	\$12,200	\$12,000

Note	GTA School Boards	Secondary				
		12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep	16-Sep
1	Dufferin-Peel CDSB	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
2	Durham CDSB	\$13,300	\$13,300	\$13,300	\$13,300	\$13,300
3	Durham DSB	\$13,300	\$13,300	\$13,300	\$13,600	\$13,900
4	Halton DSB	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500
5	Halton CDSB	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
6	Peel DSB	\$13,250	\$13,250	\$13,500	\$14,000	\$14,040
7	Toronto DSB	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
8	Toronto CDSB	\$13,500	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
9	York Region DSB	\$13,750	\$13,750	\$13,000	\$13,114	\$13,750
10	York Region CDSB	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,400	\$13,200

NOTES

1. Plus \$250 admin fee, no health insurance, no housing services
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4. Plus \$325 admin fee, no health insurance, no housing services

5. Plus \$250 admin fee, no health insurance, no housing services
6. Admin fee is included; plus Mandatory health insurance of \$540
7. Mandatory health insurance of \$500 is included; plus \$200 application fee; housing provided in partnership with Canada Homestay International.
8. Mandatory health insurance of \$540 is included; plus \$200 application fee; housing provided in partnership with Canada Homestay International and/or YES Homestay International.
9. Plus \$300 admin fee; health insurance extra (\$493.40 for 1 year-Secondary, \$450 for 1 year-Elementary, \$493.40 for 13 months), housing services extra (\$300 admin fee, \$500 security deposit, \$11,550 for 10 month accommodation, \$1,500 custodianship per year)
10. Plus \$200 admin fee for new students and \$100 for returning students; mandatory health insurance (\$450 for 1 year), no housing services

The Ministry of Education's Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) requires a minimum VISA tuition fee charge of \$10,204 for elementary and \$10,858 for secondary.

In 2001, Ministry of Education officials were contacted and their opinion sought. They verbally replied that the regulations on Non-resident students allowed boards to charge up to what the market would bear. In this case, for 2016, the market in Toronto could bear up to \$12,500 for an elementary visa student and \$14,000 for a secondary visa student as can be seen by the Toronto District School Board's fees. In order to continue our recruitment efforts and to continue to remain competitive, TCDSB establishes its fees at the same level as the co-terminus school board.

E. RECOMMENDATION

That the fees for Non-Resident VISA students for September 2016 for Toronto Catholic District School board be maintained at the same level as the fees established by the TDSB of \$12,500 elementary and \$14,000 secondary as follows:

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Yearly Fee</u>	<u>Pro-Rated Fee</u>
Elementary	\$12,500	or \$1,250 per month
Secondary (under 21)	\$14,000	or \$1,400 per month
Secondary (over 21-Fraser)	\$14,000	or \$1,500 per additional course

In the event TDSB or surrounding boards increase/decrease their fees for the 2016/2017 school year, TCDSB staff will reevaluate and recommend a new tuition fee.
