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Angela Gauthier  
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Dear Ms. Gauthier,

I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of Education has completed a detailed review of the business cases that each school board submitted for consideration under the 2015-2016 School Consolidation Capital (SCC) Grant program and New Construction of Child Care program.

After careful review of your board's submissions, I am pleased to confirm that the ministry has approved funding to support three SCC projects and two child care projects identified by your board. In total, your board will be allocated \$21,596,606 to undertake these projects:

Total SCC Funding:	\$16,999,763
Total FDK Funding:	\$1,527,338
Total Child Care Funding:	\$3,069,505

The funding for the replacement of St. Raymond along with the child care centre is conditional on the board providing the ministry with a comprehensive plan, including timelines and staff recommendations, of how the board intends to address the underutilization in this area. Since many of the schools in the area are in good condition, the board should also make every effort possible to use their existing facilities where it makes sense to accommodate students from a closed school.

Please be aware that the ministry has funding available to address costs related to site acquisition, planning and/or demolition and will consider providing additional funding to the board based on the submission of a detailed estimate of these costs.

Please note this funding is conditional upon amendments to the 2015-16 Grants for Student Needs (GSN) regulation by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

As outlined in **Memorandum 2015: B16 – Request for School Consolidation Capital Projects and New Construction of Child Care**, school boards were asked to submit no more than eight business cases to the ministry by February 29, 2016. Twenty-three school boards submitted fifty-one school capital projects, worth approximately \$453 million, for funding consideration. Ministry funding approval decisions were based on:

- The reduction of surplus space;
- The removal of renewal backlog;
- The opportunity for program enhancement; and
- The cost of the proposed project.

In addition to school construction related projects, school boards were also asked to submit school-based child care construction projects under this round of the SCC program. Eligible child care projects were projects intended to replace child care space that was closed as part of a consolidation or that were part of a school construction project proposal arrived at through the board's ARC process.

The child care capital projects are being funded through the \$120 million that was announced in **Memorandum 2015: B11 – Capital Funding for New Construction of Child Care**. In total, the ministry received twenty-five requests from fourteen school boards for child care capital funding for the creation of seventy new child care rooms.

As noted in Memorandum 2015: B11, the ministry used the following criteria to assess and prioritize eligible projects:

- Child care replacement due to school closure/accommodation review;
- Age groupings (infant rooms are given priority);
- Accommodation pressures/service gaps; and
- Cost effectiveness/viability.

### Appendices

Appendix A provides a complete list of the SCC and child care projects submitted by your board along with the ministry's rationale for the funding decisions and the funding allocations. The ministry's decisions were based upon the needs identified in your school board's business cases and, in the case of child care capital projects, the affirmation letters jointly submitted by your school board and child care partner.

If the board chooses to address these needs with a project other than those outlined in the board's SCC business case or the affirmation letters, the board must receive the ministry's approval prior to retaining an architect. In some cases, this may require the board to forfeit their project approvals and resubmit their request in a future round of Capital Priorities or SCC funding. In addition, any changes to projects related to approved child care capital will require municipal approval.

Should your school board and municipal partner continue to see a SCC or child care project that did not receive funding approval as a priority, you may resubmit it during future rounds of Capital Priorities or SCC programs.

Appendix B provides a table showing how funding was determined for your projects.

### Payment

The SCC and New Construction of Child Care programs operate on a modified grant payment process, where cash flow is based on school board spending. There are two annual reporting periods for the SCC and New Construction of Child Care programs:

- For the period of September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, SCC and New Construction of Child Care expenditures are recorded in the board's March Report; and
- For the period of April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, SCC and New Construction of Child Care expenditures are recorded in the board's financial statements.

School boards will also be funded for the short-term interest costs related to these capital programs reflecting that cash flows will occur on a semi-annual basis. The short-term interest payments will be calculated in a manner similar to how they have been calculated for other eligible capital programs.

School boards should continue to report any new capital projects that have received a funding allocation/approval in the Inventory Data section of the ministry's School Facilities Information System (SFIS).

### Board Responsibilities

Your board is responsible and will be held accountable for implementing appropriate measures to ensure that the cost and scope are within the approved funding and does not exceed the ministry's space benchmarks. Similarly, the new construction of child care capital funding allocation you have received can only be used to address capital costs related to the creation of the projects' child care spaces.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your assistance and support throughout this process, and look forward to continuing to work with your board.

Should you have any questions regarding the school consolidation approvals or requests, please contact your Capital Analyst, Lisa Bland at Lisa.Bland@Ontario.ca or 416-326-9921. For any questions related to the child care capital approvals or requests, please contact your Early Years Education Officer, Dolores Cascone at Dolores.Cascone@Ontario.ca or 416-314-6300.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

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Attached:

Appendix A – List of School Consolidation Requests  
Appendix B - Details of 2015-2016 Approved Projects

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# Appendix A: List of 2015 Capital Priorities Grant Requests

## 40 Toronto Catholic DSB

Priority	Project	Location	CP (\$M)	FDK (\$M)	CC (\$M)	Board (\$M)	Total (\$M)	Description	Recommendation
1	St. Raymond/St. Bruno	Toronto	7.42	0.52	1.56	0.00	9.49	A replacement school for St. Raymond CS, along with a child care centre, to support the consolidation and closure of St. Bruno CS.	The funding for the replacement of St. Raymond along with the child care centre is conditional on the board providing the ministry with a comprehensive plan, including timelines and staff recommendations, of how the board intends to address the underutilization in this area.
2	St Leo/St. Louis	Etobicoke	9.33	1.01	1.51	0.00	11.85	A replacement school for St. Leo CS, along with child care centre, to support the consolidation and closure of St. Louis CS.	The Ministry has approved School Consolidation Funding for this proposal. The Ministry is providing funding for the project according to the benchmark funding calculations for 500 elementary pupil places and 3 child care rooms.

Priority	Project	Location	CP (\$M)	FDK (\$M)	CC (\$M)	Board (\$M)	Total (\$M)	Description	Recommendation
3	St. Luke/Senhor Santo Cristo	Toronto	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	Renovation of St. Lukes CS plus a child care centre addition to support the consolidation and closure of Senhor Santo Cristo CS	The Ministry has approved School Consolidation Funding for this proposal. The Ministry is providing funding for the project according to the benchmark funding calculations for the renovation of one room. Given the available space within the existing facility, the Ministry is not providing funding for the construction of a child care centre addition.
4	Holy Angels/St. Louis	Toronto	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	A replacement school for Holy Angels CS, including a child care centre.	This proposal was not eligible for School Consolidation Capital funding. The Ministry has decided that this proposal is not required to accommodate pupils that may become displaced as a result of a proposed school closure. The Ministry considers the proposed project to be related to residential growth. This proposal may be eligible for funding in future rounds of Capital Priorities.

Priority	Project	Location	CP (\$M)	FDK (\$M)	CC (\$M)	Board (\$M)	Total (\$M)	Description	Recommendation
5	Regina Mundi/Dante Alighieri	Toronto	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	A child care centre addition.	This proposal was not eligible for School Consolidation Capital funding. The School Consolidation Capital program is intended to support the ministry's School Board Efficiencies and Modernization initiative. The child care was not attached to a school consolidation project. This proposal may be eligible for funding in future rounds of Capital Priorities.

## Appendix B: Details of Approved 2016

### 40 Toronto Catholic DSB

			Priority 1		2		3	
Project Name			St. Raymond/St. Bruno		St. Leo/St. Louis		St. Luke/Senhor Santo Cristo	
Location			Toronto		Etobicoke		Toronto	
			Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Secondary
New Construction	Pupil Places to Add	A	350		500			
	Resulting Pupil Places	B	350		500			
	GFA / Pupil Place	C	11.02		10.34			
	\$ / GFA	D	1,959.89		1,959.89			
	GAF	E	1.05		1.02			
	Benchmark = A x C x D x E	F	7,937,261		10,335,284			
Retrofit	GFA	G					252.2	
	\$ / GFA	H					979.945	
	GAF	I					1.03	
	Benchmark = G x H x I	J					254,556	
School Total	School Total = F + J (Both Panels)	K	7,937,261		10,335,284		254,556	
Child care	Rooms	L	3		3			
	\$ / Room	M	494,284		494,284			
	GAF	N	1.05		1.02			
	Benchmark (L x M x N)	O	1,556,995		1,512,510			
Total Project Benchmark = K + O			P	9,494,256	11,847,794		254,556	
Estimated Construction Costs			Q	9,494,256	11,847,794		0	
Estimated Retrofit Costs			R	0	0		3,345,000	
Construction and Retrofit Funding Request			S	9,494,256	11,847,794		3,345,000	
Funding Source								
CPG	T		7,418,263		9,326,944		254,556	
FDK	U		518,998		1,008,340		0	
Child Care	V		1,556,995		1,512,510		0	
Ministry Funding Total = T + U + V			W	9,494,256	11,847,794		254,556	
Board Funding			X	0	0		0	
Total funding = W + X			Y	9,494,256	11,847,794		254,556	