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## Dear Angela Gauthier:

The purpose of this letter is to provide your Board with an understanding of the Toronto District School Board's (TDSB) plans to move forward with a process to examine the relocation of Baycrest Public School and child care centre into the Sir Sandford Fleming (Dante Alighieri/St. Margaret) building. TDSB staff agree that addressing our shared accommodation concerns by moving this initiative forward is a priority.

The TDSB's Long-Term Program & Accommodation Strategy 2016-2025 (LTPAS) serves as the guiding document for accommodation planning within the Board, and was approved by Trustees on 22 June 2016. The Annual Planning Document, contained within the LTPAS, is the work plan for accommodation studies to undertake over the course of the 2016-17 school year.

The Board's Annual Planning Document contains multiple studies that will be undertaken this fall to determine the long-term accommodation for TDSB students residing within the Lawrence Heights community. The focus of the study for 2016-17 will be the relocation of the Baycrest Public School and child care centre into Sir Sandford Fleming, as identified below:

## Program Relocation Study (Page 11 of the Annual Planning Document):

Explore the relocation of the Baycrest PS JK-5 program into the Sir Sandford Fleming building. This program location is part of the broader vision for long-term accommodation requirements of the broader Lawrence Heights community.

## Emerging Capital Priority Projects (Page 4 of the Annual Planning Document):

Submit a business case to support a renovation at the Sir Sandford Fleming building to accommodate the relocation of the Baycrest PS. This study is a component of the broader long-term vision for student accommodation and program delivery in the Lawrence Heights community.

Note that a Capital Priority business case was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Education in July 2016 for their review and consideration for capital funding support. This business case included a jointly signed letter with the City of Toronto requesting capital funding support to relocate the Baycrest child care center into the Sir Sandford Fleming building.

As we move forward on this initiative it would be advantageous to continue to collaborate throughout the fall to ensure that our respective communities are provided with clear and accurate information. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

John Malloy

Director of Education

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