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Toronto Catholic District School Board
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Attention: Ms. Angela Gauthier
Director of Education



Dear Ms Gauthier:

I am writing to inform you of the impact of the City of Toronto's recommended 2017 Operating Budget on our current occupancy agreement with the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

The City must address significant funding pressures in its 2017 operating budget that require each Division to budget for expenditure reductions. The proposed operating budget of the Children's Services Division recommends to the Budget Committee that the agreement which supports direct payments to the school boards related to child care occupancy costs be cancelled in 2017. As a result, if approved by Council, the City will terminate effective July 1st, 2017, the existing agreements with school boards that provide for direct payment of occupancy costs.

With the cancellation of the agreements, child care programs will assume responsibility for occupancy costs as determined by each school board and directly pay the school boards for these costs. Implementation will improve equity in terms of how operators in schools are treated, which is key given the Schools First provincial policy, which encourages the use of a schools-first approach when locating child care and early years services whenever possible.

We will keep you informed of budget developments as they move through the approval process. As always, we appreciate your understanding and support during this time of transition and look forward to our continued partnership.

If you have questions, please contact Shanley McNamee at 416-392-8284 or myself for assistance.

Sincerely,

Elaine Baxter-Trahair
General Manager
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