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Councillor Gary Crawford
Chair of the Budget Committee
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
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To the Chair of the Budget Committee,

We received a letter in December from the General Manager of Toronto Children's Services informing us that a recommendation would be put forth to the Budget Committee to cut funding of occupancy costs of daycares to school boards. We are writing this letter to express our concern about, and our strong opposition to, the proposed cuts to funding.

As you know, daycare costs in the city of Toronto are already among the highest in the province. The funding received by the city is crucial in keeping daycare costs somewhat more affordable for Toronto families, as it keeps operating costs lower for child care providers operating in our schools. We strongly believe that these cuts will have a direct impact on families as these additional costs to daycares will likely be passed on to them.

Since 2012, the province has been focussing on improving child care for residents of the province. Many new initiatives have been put in place to support this priority by the provincial government. In fact, in the next stage of implementation, the focus will be on improving accessibility. We believe that the City also needs to prioritize accessibility of child care for families that reside in Toronto.

We hope the city will reconsider or withdraw its proposed budget cuts to the Children's Services Division or ultimately that the Budget Committee will reject the proposed motion to cut funding agreements with school boards which lower operating costs of daycares in the city of Toronto.

Sincerely yours,

Jean-François L'Heureux
Chair of Conseil scolaire Viamonde School Board

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