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Rory McGuckin  
Director of Education  
Toronto Catholic District School Board  
80 Sheppard Avenue East  
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Dear Mr. McGuckin,

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 2017 School Consolidation Capital (SCC) funding program and Child Care Centres and Child and Family Programs.

As outlined in **Memorandum 2016: B19 – Request for School Consolidation Capital Funding Submissions**, school boards were asked to submit no more than eight business cases to the ministry by January 28, 2017. Twenty-nine school boards submitted 66 requests for capital projects, worth approximately \$601.5 million, for funding consideration. Ministry funding approval decisions were based on:

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

In addition to school construction related projects, school boards were also asked to submit school-based early years construction projects under this round of the SCC program. Eligible child care projects were projects intended to replace child care and child and family program 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 pupil accommodation review process.

In total, the ministry received 24 requests for child care and child and family program capital funding for the creation of 69 new child care rooms and 13 child and family program rooms.

After careful review of your board's submissions, the ministry has not approved your board's SCC, Child Care or Child and Family Program submissions. Appendix A provides a complete list of the SCC, Child Care or Child and Family Program requests submitted by your board along with the ministry's rationale for not providing funding at this time. Should your school board continue to see these projects as priorities, you may submit them during future rounds of Capital Priorities programs.

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 about SCC requests, please contact your Capital Analyst, Lisa Bland at [Lisa.Bland@Ontario.ca](mailto:Lisa.Bland@Ontario.ca) or 416-326-9921.

For any questions related to the Child Care and/or Child and Family Program capital requests, please contact your Early Years Education Officer or Child Care Advisor:

Dolores Cascone at [Dolores.Cascone@ontario.ca](mailto:Dolores.Cascone@ontario.ca) or 416-314-6300;

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Sincerely,

*Original signed by  
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Attached:  
Appendix A – Complete List of Submissions

- c: Shannon Fuller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years and Child Care Division
- Paul Bloye, Director, Capital Program Branch
- Colleen Hogan, Director, Capital Policy Branch
- Julia Danos, Director, Early Years Implementation Branch
- Elaine Baxter-Trahair, General Manager, Children's Services - City of Toronto

# Appendix A: Complete List of Submissions

## 40 Toronto Catholic DSB

Priority	Project	CP (\$M)	FDK (\$M)	CC (\$M)	CFP (\$M)	Total (\$M)	Description	Recommendation
1	St. Matthias	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	A new 525 pupil place elementary school with 5 child care rooms in North York to support the consolidation of St. Matthias Catholic School, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School and Holy Redeemer Catholic School.	The Ministry is supportive of the project but did not approve it at this time due to limited capital funding. The board is encouraged to submit this project in future rounds of Capital Priorities. Please refer to <i>B7:2017 Request for Capital Priorities Funding Submissions</i> for further details.
2	St. Paul/St. Michael	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	A new 500 pupil place elementary school with 5 child care rooms and a child and family program room in Toronto to support the consolidation of St. Paul Catholic School and St. Michael Catholic School.	Considering the expected ongoing savings and reduction in renewal backlog as a result of this project, the cost of the proposed solution of a new school is prohibitive. The board should consider utilizing the available space at these schools before requesting funding for new construction. The board may request ministry funding support for their efforts to better utilize the available space in future rounds of Capital Priorities.
3	Pope Francis Child Care	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	A new 3 room child care addition to Pope Francis Catholic School in Toronto.	This project was not considered to be eligible for School Consolidation Capital funding. Please refer to B6 2017: Request for Early Years Capital Program Funding Submissions for further information regarding ministry funding for child care spaces.