



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## EARLY YEARS CAPITAL PROGRAM (EYCP) FUNDING 2017

“All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.” Isaiah 54:13

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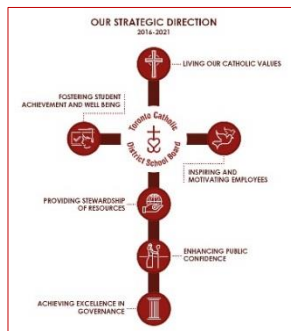
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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 6, 2017 the Ministry of Education issued memorandum: *2017:B06 Request for Early Years Capital Program Funding Submissions*, announcing up to \$1.6 Billion to create access to licensed child care for an additional 100,000 children aged 0 to 4 years old over the next five years. This program focuses on school-based “stand-alone” child care and/or child and family programs that are not currently part of a school capital project.

## B. PURPOSE

1. The deadline for submission of child care capital projects was August 4, 2017, which occurred during the Board’s summer shutdown period. This report will inform the Board of the methodology utilized in the site selection process in collaboration with the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager of the City of Toronto for the Early Years Capital Program funding request.
2. TCDSB submitted a request to fund new early years and child care capital projects in the amount of approximately \$30M, inclusive of estimated site costs, at the following schools:

School	Trustee Ward	TCDSB Ask	Addition - A, Retrofit – R, or New School
ST. LEO	Andrachuk	C&F Room (PFLC) only	New School
ST. BARBARA	Crawford	Infant, Toddler, Preschool	A
ST. EDMUND CAMPION	Crawford	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
SANTA MARIA	D'Amico	Toddler/Presch ool	A
ST. NICHOLAS OF BARI	D'Amico	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
BLESSED POPE PAUL VI	D'Amico	Toddler and Preschool	R

POPE FRANCIS	Davis	Infant, Toddler, Preschool	R
ST. KEVIN	Del Grande	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
ST. GERALD	Kennedy	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
FATHER SERRA	Martino	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
ST. ANDRÉ	Piccininni	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
ST. BERNARD	Piccininni	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
ST. JUDE	Piccininni	Infant	A
ST. FIDELIS	Piccininni	C&F Room (PFLC) only	New School
ST. MARGARET	Rizzo	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	New School
BAYCREST PUBLIC SCHOOL	Rizzo	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	New School
ST. ANTOINE DANIEL	Rizzo	C&F Room (PFLC) only	New School
SACRED HEART	Tanuan	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
ST. BEDE	Tanuan	Infant and Toddler rooms	A
ST. DOMINIC SAVIO	Tanuan	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A
ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF	Tanuan	Infant, Toddler, Preschool,	A

### **C. BACKGROUND**

3. The Ministry of Education has committed \$1.6 billion in capital funding to the creation of 100,000 new licensed child care spaces serving 0 to 4 year olds over the next five years. This process will be handled through Early Year Capital Program funding which is separate from the Capital Priorities funding process.

4. As in previous requests for child care capital funding, school boards must work with the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager of Child Care and Early Years in the City of Toronto to submit a joint funding request to the Ministry of Education.
5. On June 27, 2017, TCDSB staff met with Child Care representatives for the City of Toronto as well as TDSB staff. The City must make child care decisions based on overall distribution of programs and availability of spaces for the City as a whole. The City provided a ranked listing of all schools based on their established criteria heavily dependent on demand for child care and available spaces for Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Kindergarten and School Age child care. Both boards were to provide their proposed Early Years Capital Program funding submissions to the City for review and final sign off prior to submitting a joint funding request to the Ministry. A ranking of 12 was considered to be a top priority for the City.
6. TCDSB staff considered the City ranked list against Ministry priorities established in the memorandum: *2017:B06 Request for Early Years Capital Program Funding Submissions*. Planning and Capital staff assessed each site and identified schools that were best suited for capital child care improvements considering school capacity, location and site conditions, long-term viability and cost effectiveness. Additionally, TCDSB sites that had previously received Ministry funding to build new/replacement facilities where child care had not been included in the original request were also included. The final list is supported by Kevin Malcolm, Superintendent of Early Years and Area 7 schools.
7. Early Years Capital Program funding also provides for funding of Child and Family Rooms. Child & Family Rooms are meant to replace the following Ministry supported programs: Ontario Early Years Centre, Parent and Family Learning Centre, Child Care Resource Centre, and Better Beginnings, Better Futures. All four programs will be integrated and transformed to establish Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres which have some elements of a child care space and is intended to serve families.
8. Ministry staff suggested that Child & Family Rooms should only be included in new builds and/or to replace an existing program from above. The City is unwilling to support more than 3 of these rooms at this time as there is still

discussion between the Municipality and the Ministry regarding operating funding for these centres.

9. The Ministry does not fund childcare operating costs as these are expected to be recovered from fees charged. The Ministry will fund the capital/renovation work only. Director's Council, at their meeting of June 6, 2017, approved an increase to the leasing rate charged to childcare operators. The leasing rate will be \$11.00/sq. ft. for the 2017-18 school year based on a 5-year average of renewal and SCI funding and is consistent with TDSB. The \$11.00/sq. ft. rate provides cost recovery to Operations at \$ 8.40/sq. ft. and to Renewal at \$2.60/sq. ft.
10. All projects requested through EYCP have an estimated occupancy of 2019-2020.

#### **D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

11. It is the understanding of TCDSB staff, following discussions with Ministry staff, that a funding announcement for EYCP funding will not be received until early 2018. A report to Board detailing the amount of funding received for child care capital improvements will be provided upon notification of funding.

#### **E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the information of the Board.