



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

REPORT ON THE IMPOSITION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CAPS

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; Philippians 4:5

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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Mission:

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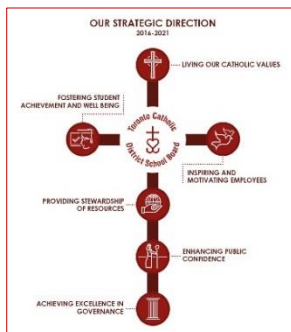
We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to a Trustee motion from the November 9, 2017 Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee, staff developed secondary school entry caps for International VISA students. These caps will be implemented through the established enrolment projection review process for the 2018-19 school year.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 22 hours

B. BACKGROUND

1. At the Corporate Affairs, Strategic Planning and Property Committee meeting held on November 9, 2017, the Board of Trustees received the report regarding “Comprehensive Review of Programming for the Long-Term Accommodation Plan” and made the following motion:
 - “1. *That a maximum cap per school for placement of International Students be implemented;*
 2. *That International Students being placed at Bishop Allen Academy for February September 2018 registration, appendix c pg 60, not be admitted unless an equal number of international students presently at the school either graduate or move from the school so that the net result is no increase to the present number of international students at that location;*
 3. *That an immediate review and report on International Students at all oversubscribed schools to determine the impact on the capacity of the school and to include measures to reverse the growth at these sites.”*
2. In October of 2017, Planning Services examined facility utilization rates for all secondary schools, incorporating the latest enrolment data and current understanding of facility capacity. Enrolment caps recommended in this report reflect classroom space availability.
3. In collaboration with the International Students department, Planning Services and Director’s Council, caps for International VISA students were developed for all secondary schools, with a particular focus on oversubscribed schools (refer to *Appendix ‘A’*). The majority of International VISA students are distributed between Grades 10, 11 and 12 classes, with only small numbers entering into Grade 9 primarily from the elementary panel.

4. Staff will strictly adhere to International VISA student caps at oversubscribed schools, however, staff recommend exceeding approved caps by up to 20% at undersubscribed schools where there is demand and where space permits.
5. There were 1302 International VISA students as of October 31, 2017. February 2018 enrolment is projected to be approximately 1396 students
6. Staff recommend a phased cap be implemented at Bishop Allen Academy: 125 International VISA students for the 2018-19 school year and 100 International VISA students for the 2019-20 school year.
7. Staff recommend a phased cap be implemented at Michael Power/St. Joseph: 125 International VISA students for the 2018-19 school year and 100 International VISA students for the 2019-20 school year.
8. Staff recommend a cap of 80 International VISA students at Father John Redmond for the 2018-19 school year.
9. Staff recommend a cap of 70 International VISA students at Senator O'Connor for the 2018-19 school year.
10. Staff recommend a cap of 100 International VISA students at Blessed Cardinal Newman for the 2018-19 school year.
11. To be fair and equitable across the system, International VISA student caps for all secondary schools have been developed in accordance with utilization rates and facility size as shown in *Appendix 'A'*. These caps are to be adhered to throughout the school year as students enter or exit the program.
12. In the case of the undersubscribed schools, an aspirational all-grades cap of 100 has been recommended by staff. It is the goal of the International Students department to encourage increased enrolment in schools with available space.
13. In schools where oversubscription remains an ongoing issue, staff continue to investigate options for program relocation to address enrolment pressures. On-going discussions with Principals and other senior staff will continue in this regard throughout the registration period, and during the projection process.

14. Preliminary enrolment projections have been developed considering the aforementioned International VISA student caps.
15. Preliminary projections will be circulated to all Superintendents and secondary school Principals in February of 2018. In-person meetings with all key stakeholders will occur in preparation of the final staff report.
16. A final staff report seeking Trustee approval of consensus enrolment projections is expected for the March 2018 Regular meeting of the Board.
17. There could be a potential loss in revenue if International VISA students do not accept a redirection from their preferred school location to another TCDSB secondary school.

C. RECOMMENDATION

1. Staff recommend approval of International VISA student caps, as provided in *Appendix 'A'*.
2. Staff recommend exceeding approved International VISA student caps by up to 20% at undersubscribed schools where there is demand and where space permits.