



REPORT TO

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

NON-RESIDENT VISA STUDENT FEES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

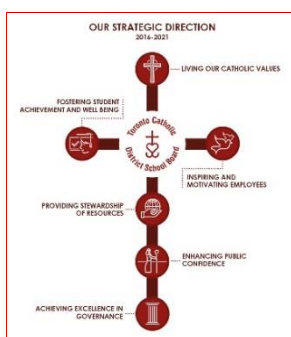
Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Non-Resident VISA fees require a market rate adjustment. This report recommends that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) increase the fees for Non-Resident Visa students. The fee increase is proposed to match the rates established by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). TCDSB does not currently receive any provincial grants for Non-Resident Visa students.

Staff recommend increasing TCDSB's current fees of \$12,500 (elementary) and \$14,000 (secondary), to match the TDSB fees of \$13,000 and \$14,500, respectively. It is anticipated that despite the fee increase, the TCDSB will continue to remain comparable and attractive to Non-Resident Visa students for September 2018.

A. PURPOSE

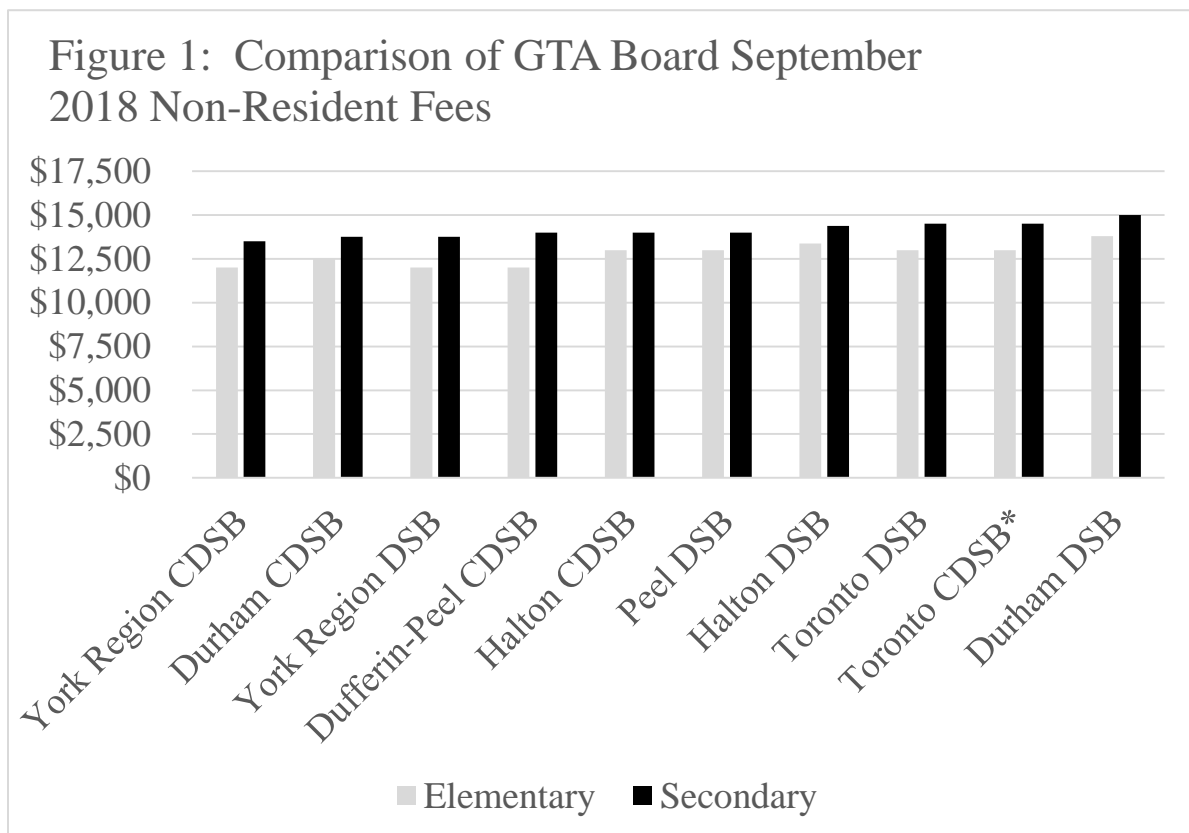
To set the TCDSB Non-Resident Visa student fees for the 2018-19 school year, enhance recruitment efforts and remain comparable with TCDSB co-terminus school board; the TDSB.

B. BACKGROUND

1. *This is an annual report provided to the Board for its consideration.* In 2002, the Board approved a motion requesting staff to prepare an annual report on the setting of Non-Resident Visa student fees and updates on any changes that have occurred with surrounding boards.
2. *The Ministry sets a minimum, but no maximum for non-resident fees.* In March 2000, the Ministry of Education announced the Regulation made under the Education Act, "Calculation of fees for non-residents" for the 2000-01 school year. The regulation pertaining to the charging of tuition fees to Visa students does not set a maximum ceiling on how high the fees should be set, only a required minimum fee since the board does not receive any grants for Visa students.

C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

- 1. TCDSB remains comparable for both the Elementary and Secondary Visa Student fees.** Figure 1 presents a comparison of Visa Student Fees currently charged by boards in the GTA. Appendix A provides further details and multi-year comparisons. It should be noted that similar to TCDSB, some Boards may further increase their fees for September 2018 and this is not yet reflected in this comparison. As illustrated in the chart, the fees within GTA Boards are very similar with the average being \$12,768 for Elementary and \$14,138 for Secondary. It should be further noted that these tuitions are exclusive of some applicable additional fees such as for administration, health insurance and housing opportunities. These fees can vary between Boards, but the data below is still considered to be fair for comparative purposes.



*Newly proposed fee for September 2018

- 1. All Boards exceed the minimum fee level set by the Ministry.** For context, the Ministry of Education's Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) requires a minimum Visa tuition fee charge of \$10,728 for elementary and \$11,550 for secondary.

2. *TCDSB will continue to monitor the market.* In the event TDSB or surrounding boards increase or decrease their fees for the 2018-19 school year, TCDSB staff will reevaluate and recommend adjustments to the tuition fee as appropriate.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the fees for Non-Resident Visa students as of September 2018 for Toronto Catholic District School board be increased by \$500 per student as follows:

<u>Panel</u>	<u>Yearly Fee</u>	<u>Pro-Rated Fee</u>
Elementary	\$13,000	or \$1,300 per month
Secondary (under 21)	\$14,500	or \$1,450 per month
Secondary (over 21-Fraser)	\$14,500	or \$1,750 per additional course