Toronto District School Board

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Toronto City Hall
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Dear Members of Toronto City Council:

The Toronto District School Board has applied to the Ontario Power Authority for approval of Feed In Tariff (FIT) contracts for up to 450 school rooftop solar installations. If all of the Board's FIT applications were approved, they would provide 66 MW of solar power to the grid. This would be a significant alternative source of electrical power for the City.

I am writing to request your approval of a resolution endorsing the Toronto District School Board's FIT applications.

In May 2011, after a Request for Proposals, the Board entered into an agreement with Schooltop Solar LP. The agreement provides that, in exchange for a share of the revenue from the solar installations, Schooltop Solar will replace or repair school rooftops that require urgent attention. The Board will also receive a share of the FIT revenue, which will be dedicated solely to roof repairs. The Board has assumed no financing obligations or other risks in this project. All roof repairs and solar panel installations will be the responsibility of Schooltop Solar, using designs approved by TDSB and independent engineers, and employing reputable contractors at Fair Wage rates. All installations will be fully insured and under warranty.

I wish to assure City Council that there is no risk or potential liability to the City of Toronto if you approve the proposed resolution.

Your approval of the proposed resolution would be a significant help toward obtaining government approval of the FIT applications.

I am grateful to members of Council for considering this urgent request.

Yours truly,

Chris Bolton
Chair, Toronto District School Board

c. Chris Spence, Director of Education
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