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Attention: Ms. Merle MacDonald
City Clerk's Department

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Planning and Growth Management Committee
Agenda Item PG18.7 – October 12, 2012
Recommended Changes to the Draft City-Wide Zoning By-law**

We represent the Toronto Catholic District School Board (the "TCDSB") in respect of approximately 226 school and related property interests throughout the City of Toronto. The TCDSB is a publicly-elected, publicly-funded and publicly-regulated School Board in the City of Toronto which serves more than 93,000 students and represents close to 475,000 separate school supporters in this City. It has a large portfolio of properties including active schools, vacant properties and surplus sites.

Although the TCDSB appreciates the Committee's previous direction (and staff's continued recommendation) to exclude its sites from the draft by-law so that further consultation may take place, there are still many provisions of the by-law that would affect those sites and therefore require the TCDSB's participation in this process. These include without limitation the provisions relating to the Institutional School Zone (Section 80.40) and the strict grandfathering of existing school sites under Section 10.5.20.1(1) of the draft by-law. Excluding public school sites from the draft by-law does not address the TCDSB's concerns with respect to those provisions.

The TCDSB remains available to meet with City staff, together with staff of the Toronto District School Board, to discuss its concerns in greater detail in order to achieve a mutually acceptable outcome. It has been more than a year since the last meeting took place with staff, and there is a feeling among the School Boards that the consultation has lost

momentum. The issues that remain outstanding will not be resolved without a concentrated effort on the part of all parties.

Our client's continued preference is that the existing permissions, definitions and related regulations governing schools be carried forward, consistent with approved Official Plan policies that public schools and their related uses be maintained as permitted uses within a variety of zones.

We thank the Committee for its consideration and look forward to renewed consultations with City staff.

Yours truly,

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