



Office of the Chair of the Board

November 17, 2016

Mr. Gary Crawford
Chair, Budget Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, 10th floor, West Tower
Toronto, Ontario M2H 2N2

Dear Mr. Crawford,

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is in receipt of the recent Public Notice *2017 Rate Supported Budgets – Solid Waste Management Services and Recommended 2017 Solid Waste Rates* (attached). Solid Waste Management Services is proposing a significant increase in waste collection fees effective January 1, 2017 of 5.2%.

The school board's waste budget for the 2016/17 has already been set, and if implemented, the proposed 5.2% waste increase as of January 1, 2017 will adversely affect other budgets.

Our priority and focus has always been on student achievement and well-being, and we continually seek out efficiencies and cost-reduction measures which allow us to direct the lion's share of resources to classroom areas. The TCDSB practices waste diversions in all waste streams made available by the City at all TCDSB schools which reduces waste going to landfill and also assists in reducing our waste fees.

Given the limited funding sources available to us, on behalf of the students, staff, trustees, parents, and Catholic school supporters, we must express our strong displeasure with the proposed fee increase, and ask for reconsideration of the matter.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is requesting that the Budget Committee review the potential financial difficulties that will be placed on school boards at this time and proposes a freeze on these increased charges.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Kennedy".

Angela Kennedy,
Chair of the Board

Attachment

cc: Jim McKay, General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services
Vincent Sferrazza, Director, Policy Planning & Support, Solid Waste Management Services
Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education
The Honourable Judy M. Foote, MP Minister of Public Services and Procurement
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