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Attention: Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

RE : Report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning regarding
Growing Up : Planning for Children in New Vertical Communities – Draft Guidelines
Meeting Scheduled for May 31, 2017, Agenda Item PG21.3

Congratulations to the City of Toronto staff for developing the draft urban design guidelines set out in Growing Up: Planning for Children in New Vertical Communities. The City is to be commended for creating these draft guidelines through a comprehensive consultation process to which the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) was an active contributor.

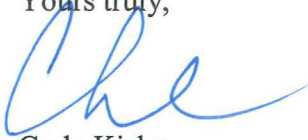
TDSB is an organization that welcomes more than 246,000 students and 160,000 life-long learners at 584 buildings across the City the TDSB is significantly impacted by the rapid and tremendous growth and urbanization that the City of Toronto continues to experience. As such, the TDSB applauds the City's strategy to understand the specific needs of families and community service providers, like the TDSB, to develop draft guidelines to assist in the integration of community facilities, schools, libraries and other amenities, into residential buildings and vertical neighbourhoods.

The TDSB acknowledges that the development of the Growing Up: Planning for Children in New Vertical Communities draft guidelines as the first step in the process to build livable communities in the City. To that end, the TDSB will use these guidelines as a stepping stone in continuing to review and provide for opportunities to integrate new schools into specific development areas where there is anticipated significant residential intensification, population growth and student accommodation pressures that are beyond our ability to address within existing property holdings.

The TDSB has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.1 billion. We are committed to the effective use of resources to ensure that every dollar spent has a positive impact on student success and well-being.

We request that the TDSB continue to be part of the ongoing consultation process.

Yours truly,



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cc: Andrew Gowdy – Chief Planning Officer, Strategy and Planning