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City Clerk
Attention: Nancy Martins, Administrator
Planning and Growth Management Committee
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**RE: PG29.4 TOCore: Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment
PG29.7 TOCore: Downtown Community Services & Facilities Strategy
Toronto District School Board (TDSB Wards 10 and 14)**

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

The Toronto District School Board (the "TDSB") generally supports the recommendations of the Chief Planner and Executive Director regarding TOcore: Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment.

The TDSB currently operates 30 schools in the Downtown, and an additional 7 schools whose boundaries include the Downtown (27 elementary and 10 secondary). The TDSB is pleased to have had an opportunity to meaningfully participate in this process, and to have contributed to the final product. Ensuring that adequate school capacity is available to meet the needs of a growing population within the Downtown is an asset to building vibrant, healthy communities.

The TDSB has been actively working with the City of Toronto on these matters, and to ensure the planning interests of the TDSB are generally addressed within the policies of the documents. To this end, we are pleased to see that issues related to the provision of adequate long-term student accommodation have been reflected, and that the importance of schools as part of healthy and complete communities is acknowledged.

The TDSB looks forward to ongoing opportunities to collaborate and to work together with the City of Toronto to fulfil the vision of the Downtown Plan.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Shaw'.

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