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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 26, 2021 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2021.EC22.7, Parents Engaged in Education

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

We received the attached letter from a donor.

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Monday May 24, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to support Parents Engaged in Education request for funding from you. As an educator of students with special needs for over 34 years, I have seen the struggles, hardships, triumphs and successes my students and their families have faced. COVID has only added, in my opinion, significantly more stress and hardships, especially to low income, racialized and families with children who have special needs.

When I learned about the first ever Education Bank created by Theresa Pastore and her team at Parents Engaged in Education, I was truly inspired and hopeful for families who already are at such a disadvantage. It brought new hope for me during difficult times. I was excited to share this amazing place, did so and still do my best to spread the word.

I believe the Education Bank is truly a game changer that will help bring more equity to a segment of our diverse and culturally rich population in Toronto. It needs to be funded. As a taxpayer in Toronto, I want my money to go to this organization so that they can continue to give families a safe, inclusive space to access free learning materials, resources, support and technology.

After surfing their website, I realize there is SO much more to this organization than the Education Bank. The services, events, and resources they provide are critical to ensuring children and families can grow and prosper.

I am committed to give my time to this organization so please give them some of our money.

Sincerely,
Nancy Dye