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Planning and Housing Committee Room 1
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members:

Re: PH21.13 ACTION WARD 10 Request to Province on Status of Timing of Funding Commitments for new schools in the Central Waterfront.

GWNA represents residents of The Distillery, adjacent to the West Don Lands. While this growing area is attracting many young families. In the absence of a school, children are being bussed out of the neighbourhood. We have many times asked when schools will be provided for children in this and the many other areas with expanding populations. We believe it is City policy to encourage families to live downtown. Schools are necessary if these new communities are to thrive.

Block 9 (south of Mill, adjacent to Corktown Common) is set aside for a TDSB elementary school, but so far, despite our requests, there is never an answer other than that funds have not been committed. Why are so many new buildings approved in this area without funds to provide schooling for these children?

Councillor Joe Cressy clearly sets out the continued growth in this area and the desperate need for us to have schools for our children to be able to attend. If you want people to live in this area you must plan for schooling for their families before all of this building is completed not after the construction of the buildings.

We are in an unsatisfactory situation as these new buildings are continually being built without these prospective families being able to have a school for their children to attend for their education. We wish to emphasize the urgent need for an elementary school. Not only for the children already living in our neighbourhood but for those who will live in the at least eight more buildings now in the planning and approval process.

Please give this matter the consideration it deserves as this is extremely time sensitive and of utmost importance for those who are currently living in this area and for those other families who will be moving into it very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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