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Planning & Housing Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West,
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

To: Chair, Planning & Housing Committee

RE: PH21.13 – Request to Province on Status and Timing of Funding Commitments for new schools in the Central Waterfront

We are pleased to submit this letter in support of Councillor Cressy's motion to request the Province to identify the status and timing of funding commitment for new schools in the Central Waterfront.

Together, Dream and Cityscape own and operate the Distillery District. For nearly 20 years, we have worked to create one of the country's most dynamic heritage districts – home to a wide variety of arts and cultural uses, as well as retail, office, and residential uses. There are presently 1,500 residential units within the Distillery District and another 1,400 units are approved for future development that will contribute to the area as a vibrant, mixed-use neighbourhood for families to live, work and play.

We put our full endorsement behind the City's efforts to advance construction of the school in a timely manner to meet the current and future needs of the neighbourhood. Children in the West Don Lands are bussed out to Dundas Junior Public School on the east side of the Don River – a condition that is already challenging for families and will become increasingly so as the new buildings are completed. The construction of a new school within the West Don Lands is a critical component to the future of the neighbourhood as a complete, walkable, and resilient community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of the recommendation. Please feel free to reach out to the undersigned with any questions.

Yours truly

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