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RE: School Board Role in Citywide Approach to Dog Off-Leash Areas

Dear Members of the City-School Boards Advisory Committee,

As Chair of the City-School Boards Advisory Committee, I received correspondence from my colleague Councillor Alejandra Bravo with a request for this committee to consider a matter within our advisory mandate.

Councillor Bravo's correspondence asks our committee to consider a recommendation that requests the Executive Committee to request Parks, Forestry and Recreation to work with all four school boards to consider how school board properties could be considered as part of the under-development Citywide Approach to Dog Off-Leash Areas. City staff began to undertake the development of this Citywide approach following Council direction in October 2023 and the TDSB also received a report contemplating similar considerations earlier this year.

This matter also falls within one of our committee's priorities 'Schools as Community Hubs'. As such, I submit Councillor Bravo's request for the committee's consideration and deliberations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City-School Boards Advisory Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to consult with the Toronto District School Board, Toronto Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire Viamonde, and Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir on options for the offleash dog areas on school properties, as part of the development of a Citywide Approach to Dog Off Leash Areas, and in light of the Toronto District School Board's January 2024 report entitled "Pilot Dog Run Update."

Sincerely

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Chair, City-School Boards Advisory Committee

Attachment 1 – Letter from Councillor Alejandra Bravo with appendices