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Good afternoon!

I know, that NorthCrest Development has applied to get approval from the City of Toronto to continue with their development planning process and more specifically that the Hangar District Plan is up for approval.

I have written this letter of support and would like for it to go on record.

Thank you,

Allan J. Griffith  
Madonna Catholic Secondary School

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Members of the North York Community Council  
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Dear Members of the North York Community Council,

My name is Allan Griffith and I am writing on behalf of Madonna Catholic Secondary School, where I serve as a teacher, while pursuing becoming a vice-principal. Our school works not only at developing our students to achieve excellence within the classroom, but in the community as well. We aim to make a difference across North York, but more particularly the Downsview area.

We have been engaged with Northcrest Developments over the past 3 years through community programming, school field trips and direct participation in consultation events. From the start, Northcrest has shown a clear interest in working alongside local organizations and understanding how their efforts can complement the work already happening in the community.

Our experience with Northcrest has been shaped by openness and mutual respect. Their team makes time to listen, to learn, and to understand the needs and values of local students. They approach partnerships with humility and care. When we have shared concerns or aspirations, those conversations have not felt transactional. They have felt like part of a larger effort to build trust and strengthen the foundation of the area.

We support the application for the Hangar District because we have seen how Northcrest works behind the scenes and on the ground. They don't just show up for major announcements. They support the day-to-day efforts of local organizations, local schools and most importantly, local students. They help create space and capacity where it is needed most. They bring resources, but more importantly, they bring intentionality and consistency.

The Hangar District reflects what we believe is possible when development is community-informed and guided by shared values. We are looking forward to the benefits this plan can bring, including future jobs for students, new community spaces for youth, affordable housing and space for programs and services.

This work has already created opportunities for connection and collaboration. With the approval of this application, we believe even more doors can open. It will provide a platform for continued partnership, stronger infrastructure for community work, and a chance to make Downsview a place where more people can thrive.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information by email: [allan.griffith@tcdsb.org](mailto:allan.griffith@tcdsb.org) or by phone: 416-393-5506.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Griffith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allan Griffith  
High School Teacher/Coach/DEI Club Moderator