



MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Cuts hurt Kids: Speaking Out Against Cuts to our Schools

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Chernos Lin

SUMMARY

The City of Toronto recognizes the vital role that education programs and schools play in youth safety and well-being, contributing to building healthy and complete communities. School facilities and programs are critical public spaces and services in our neighbourhoods. We've invested in our schools through expanding the Student Nutrition Program to every school in our city, collaborating on shared public spaces, and working together on community safety and well-being.

Under supervision from the provincial government, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has announced yet another wave of cuts that will shutter outdoor education sites and programs, discontinue community engagement programs supporting families, eliminate the staff roles that support student and classroom behaviour management and crisis intervention, and reduce support for essential library and equity programs.

All of these cuts deeply impact youth safety, development, and opportunity in Toronto, especially young people in our city's highest needs communities, and threatens the work that we do as a City to make sure that children and youth have everything they need to thrive.

This motion is urgent as decisions about these programs are being advanced by the TDSB in the immediate term.

RECOMMENDATION

1. City Council express its support for the continuation of programs and services that youth and families in our city rely on including outdoor education, community engagement, and safety and well-being.
2. City Council direct the City Manager to review program cuts at the Toronto District School Board and their potential impact on City programs, services, and facilities, including the future use of City-owned and managed sites and report back to City Council or the appropriate committee by Q4 2026.
3. City Council request the Government of Ontario to provide funding to the Toronto District School Board for the continuation of critical programs that support student success.



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