



## **Feedback Received From Budget Townhall Meetings**

**To:** Special Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

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### **Strategic Directions**

- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs
- Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that this report summarizing feedback received from the May 2022 Budget Townhall Meetings be received.

### **Context**

Two virtual Budget Town Hall meetings were held on 19 May 2022 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to provide all members of the community the opportunity to obtain information about the 2022-23 budget, ask questions and share feedback.

There were approximately 150 participants who attended the 1 p.m. session and 75 participants who attended the 7 p.m. session. The sessions started with a presentation on the 2022-23 operating budget, followed by questions from the participants.

There were a number of question topics from participants, including special education, technology, outdoor education and newcomer funding. A copy of the questions and answers from the budget townhalls is enclosed in Appendix A for Trustees' review and consideration prior to the approval of the budget at FBEC on 8 June 2022.

For Trustees and members of the public who could not attend the webcast, a recording of the town halls are also available on the TDSB website, and can be accessed via this link: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/Developing-the-2022-2023-Budget/Budget-Town-Hall>.

## **Action Plan and Associated Timeline**

The proposed 2022-23 budget will be presented for approval at the 8 June 2022 FBEC meeting. Once the Board approves the 2022-23 operating budget and capital budget on 29 June 2022, staff will complete and submit the required budget documentation to the Ministry of Education on or before 30 June 2022.

## **Resource Implications**

Section 231 of the Education Act requires school boards to pass a balanced operating budget each year. Budgets are intended to align both human and financial resources to system priorities. School boards are required to submit their annual balanced operating budget to the Ministry of Education by June 30 of each year.

## **Communications Considerations**

The recordings of the sessions and Q&As are available on the TDSB website.

## **Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)**

Not applicable.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Q&As from May 19, 2022 Budget Townhall Meetings

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