Written Notice of Motion (Trustees Chernos Lin and Laskin)

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In accordance with Board Bylaw 5.15.2, the following motion is submitted as notice at this time and for consideration at the November 30, 2022 meeting of the Program and School Services Committee.

5.15.2 A notice of motion will be introduced by a member who is present as an advance notification of a matter to be considered at a subsequent Board or Committee meeting. A notice of motion will not be debated at the meeting at which it is introduced...

5.15.2 (b) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a Board meeting, will be referred to the appropriate committee...

5.15.2 (c) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a committee meeting, will be considered at a subsequent committee meeting...

Calling on the Ministry of Education to Extend and Expand the Funding of the Tutoring Supports Program

Whereas, earlier this year, the Ministry of Education announced funding for tutoring as a part of its Learning Recovery Response to the COVID-19 pandemic called the "Tutoring Supports Program"; and

Whereas, this summer the Minister of Education announced direct payments to parents for tutoring supports; and

Whereas, tutoring supports the TDSB's pandemic recovery commitment to engaging students with their unfinished learning as they continue to develop and learn concepts and skills that were disrupted in recent years; and

Whereas, Ministry funds to support locally-delivered tutoring through the Toronto District School Board are only available until December 2022; and

Whereas, the TDSB has focused on providing tutoring that reflects student needs, prioritizes underserved communities, and has implemented the tutoring program delivery through school-based tutoring, system-based tutoring, and community-based tutoring; and

Whereas initial feedback from parents, staff and community have shown a positive impact on learning recovery among participating students;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That The Chair of the TDSB write a letter to the Minister of Education to:
 - i. report on the positive impact of the Learning Recovery funding for tutoring
 - ii. request that this funding be extended beyond December 2022 to support students through to the end of August 2023;
 - iii. request that the Ministry reconsider direct payments to parents for private tutoring supports and instead fund an expanded "Tutoring Supports Program" directly to

Boards which allows for a greater number of students to receive tutoring and also allows for different types of tutoring (school based, community partnership, board wide programs) and meets students where they are (virtually, at school and in communities; and

(b) That a copy of the letter be shared with the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.