

## Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Patel and Li)

In accordance with Board Bylaws 5.15.45, notice of the following motion was provided at the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Planning and Priorities Committee and is therefore submitted for consideration at this time.

5.15.45 Motions must first be introduced as a Notice of Motion to provide advance notification of a matter, ...

5.15.51 A Notice of Motion submitted to a Committee, will be considered at a subsequent Committee meeting.

On March 23, 2023, Trustees Li and Patel provided the wording below in replacement of their original motion.

### ~~Allocation of Funding for Staff Training~~

~~Whereas, the Board's Student Interest Program policy supports the commitment to improve access to special programs based on student interests; and~~

~~Whereas, less than 50% of all applicants to TDSB's Student Interest Programs were enrolled into a Student Interest Program for the 2023 school year; and~~

~~Whereas, staff training will be valuable in supporting the expansion of Student Interest Programs to provide more spaces for students in future years;~~

~~Therefore, be it resolved:~~

~~That the Director include allocation for funding to provide Student Interest Program training to staff members with the aim of satisfying at least 70% of student demand in secondary student interest programs by the 2024 — 2025 school year and 90% of student demand by the 2025 — 2026 school year using application data for the 2023-2024 school year as a baseline, contingent on program viability.~~

### Providing Programs to Meet Student Interests

Whereas, the [Secondary Program Review](#) speaks to a system that:

- Has fewer but stronger schools that provide greater access, better options, and rich pathways as close to home as possible,
- Strengthens the role of the neighbourhood secondary school,
- Continues to support specialized schools and programs and increase access for all students,

- Provides schools with the flexibility to respond to student needs and interests by creating the programs they desire, supported by strong enrolment,
- Provides school choice through a revised Optional Attendance policy and procedure,
- Continues to support some small secondary schools that offer different learning environments, programs or supports, and,
- Offers the support that students want such as caring adults, flexible learning environments, and general scheduling modifications;

And

Whereas, the secondary program review will take a number of years to be fully realized; and

Whereas, less than 50 percent of all applicants to Board's Student Interest Programs were enrolled into a Student Interest Program for the 2023 school year and demand has been increasing year over year; and

Whereas, teachers will be critical to increase access to specialized schools and programs both centrally (adding options to increase accessibility) or locally (responding to student needs and interests); and

Whereas the Board's Student Interest Program policy supports the commitment to improve access to special programs based on student interests;

Therefore be it resolved:

That the Director:

- i. continue to provide training support to teachers both at central specialized schools and other secondary schools to build their skills with the goal of meeting students' interests and increasing opportunities beginning 2023-2024;
- ii. present a report to the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee by June 1, 2023 on the funding required to provide Student Interest program training to staff members, with the aim of satisfying at least 70 percent of student demand in secondary student interest programs by the 2024-2025 school year and 90 percent of student demand by the 2025-26 school year, using application data for the 2023-2024 school year as a baseline, contingent on program viability, and with a preference that demand is satisfied in local schools, where possible.