



Committee: Inner City Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: March 23, 2023

Committee Co-Chairs: Omar Khan and Trustee Alexis Dawson

	Motion/Recommendation	Name of Committee Member Putting Forward the Motion/ Recommendation	Name of Committee Member who Seconded the Motion/ Recommendation
1.	<p>Equity Funding</p> <p>Whereas since 2006-2007, the Ministry of Education has allocated over \$2 billion to the TDSB in the Learning Opportunities Grant Demographic Allocation (LOG DA) (1); and,</p> <p>Whereas the Ministry of Education writes that the “Demographic Allocation provides funding based on social and economic indicators associated with academic difficulty. This allocation supports school boards that offer a wide range of programs that support the needs of their own students at risk. Examples of such programs include the provision of nutrition programs, homework clubs, reading recovery, and withdrawal for individualized support. School boards have considerable latitude in determining the type of program and support that they provide with this funding.” (2); and,</p> <p>Whereas Social Planning Toronto analyzed LOG DA funding data in 2017 and wrote that “data provided by the TDSB [for 2014/15 academic year] showed that only 52.10% (\$66,389,519) of the Demographic Allocation of the Learning Opportunities Grant is used for its intended purpose” (3); and,</p> <p>Whereas based on TDSB’s own calculation of</p>	Robert Spencer	Laurie Green

LOG DA usage in 2014/15, it is estimated that since 2006, TDSB has diverted over \$1 billion from students living in poverty and those at risk of not succeeding academically (1); and, Whereas the province underfunds the TDSB, with a funding gap exceeding \$221 million in 2022/23 (4), and unrestricted funds like the LOG DA funds can be used to help fill these gaps; and,

Whereas the Board's 2017/18 report on fundraising purportedly shows that there is equality but not equity in school budgets (5); and,

Whereas equity is at the centre of the TDSB's long-term strategy, in both the multi-year strategic plan (6) and in the 2023/24 budget drivers (7);

Therefore, be it resolved:

- a) That the trustees request the TDSB Director report before the final budget vote on how the 2022/23 LOG DA funding of \$136 million was allocated.
- b) That the trustees prepare a motion for the TDSB to increase its spending in 2023/24 on equity initiatives using funds from the LOG DA grant to support student equity needs.
- c) That the trustees request that the board chair write a letter to the Ministry of Education and all the members of the legislature requesting funding to the TDSB so that it does not have to make up provincially mandated funding gaps that should not be covered by LOG DA funding.

Notes:

(1) See collected data sourced from the

Ministry of Education at
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mp7BR1QBxf9subd6Qigby26hqT0lx7K>

(2) <https://files.ontario.ca/edu-2022-23-technical-paper-en-2022-03-15.pdf>

(3) Social Planning Toronto. MISSING OPPORTUNITIES: How budget policies continue to leave behind low-income students.
https://assets.nationbuilder.com/socialplanningtoronto/pages/542/attachments/original/1484226232/LOG_report-final-web.pdf?1484226232

(4) See Funding Gaps on Agenda Page 90 of
<https://pub-tdsb.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=15065>

(5) See Appendix F of TDSB, 2019. “2017-2018 School Budget and School Generated Funds.”
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes/Type/A?Folder=Agenda%2F20190606&Filename=5.4.pdf>

(6) <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/multi-year-strategic-plan>

(7) <https://pub-tdsb.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=15077>