

## **Appendix E – TDSB single-use plastic distribution channels**

While not an exhaustive list, the following captures the channels in which single-use plastics are most commonly distributed by the TDSB:

1. **Student Nutrition Programs**

During the school year, the Toronto Foundation for Student Success supports approximately 580 breakfast, morning meal and lunch programs at 424 schools, providing approximately 150,000 students per day with regular access to healthy food options. These community-based programs, are run by volunteers and have the ability to purchase program supplies locally or from food suppliers.

2. **Cafeterias**

The TDSB's catering services provide options for food and beverage purchases for students, staff and visitors. In 2018/19, cafeteria services were delivered at 82 TDSB sites, provided by two external caterers and one internal caterer (Nutrition Services). In 2019/20, cafeteria services are delivered by the TDSB's internal caterer at 32 sites and by external caterers at 42 sites.

3. **Distribution Centre**

The TDSB's Distribution Centre offers "one-stop shopping" for TDSB schools, administrative departments, Facility Services and external clients (e.g., child care centres, denominational schools), providing access to over 2,650 cost-effective classroom, office and caretaking supplies sourced through a competitive public tendering process.

4. **Vending Machines**

As of July 2019, the TDSB had 114 vending machines at 82 sites, dispensing both beverages and snacks that are held by a central contract. This number does not include individual agreements for vending services that may have been arranged for locally.

5. **Science and Technology Resource Program**

The TDSB's Science and Technology Resource Program loans kits and manuals to educators to enrich their science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs in primary, junior and secondary classrooms. In 2018/19, 11,173 resource kits were loaned to schools, covering 46 different titles. Single-use plastic items such as straws and cups are included in many of these kits to provide students with hands-on learning experiences.

6. Board Approved Vendors

Board approved vendors are established through competitive procurement processes compliant with provincial directives to provide certain goods/services to the TDSB. Supplies and materials that are not available through the Distribution Centre Catalogue can also be sourced through Board approved vendors.

7. External Purchases

On occasion, items are purchased by schools and central departments outside of the channels listed above. These types of purchases are intended to be reserved for unforeseeable situations of urgency or emergency.