

Notice of Motion

Special Meeting

August 6, 2020

In accordance with the Board's bylaws, 5.15.2, Trustee Story, seconded by Trustee Chernos Lin, is providing notice of the following, for consideration at the Committee of the Whole (Special Meeting) on August 18, 2020.

COVID-19 Specific Needs

Whereas, the Board has previously advocated for a significant number of supports to help in the transition back to school for September, 2020; and

Whereas, the announcement of province-wide funding for school boards on Thursday, July 30, 2020 shows recognition by the Province of the significant needs created by Covid-19 and was a welcome addition; and

Whereas, though staff will continue to ensure our focus is on the safe and secure return to school for all staff and students, nonetheless there remain significant gaps in funding for school-based response to Covid-19 impacts;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair write to the Minister of Education to advocate for the following COVID-specific needs:
 - i. Increase staffing to allow boards to reduce class sizes in elementary panel to the greatest extent possible,
 - ii. Ensure its commitment to full funding PPE for all staff and students continues for as long as needed,
 - iii. Support effective teaching/learning in outdoor classrooms;
- (b) That the Ministry of Education be called upon to fund school boards' repair and maintenance budgets to continuously and systematically, throughout the next budget year:
 - i. Renovate indoor classrooms and other indoor spaces to maximize ventilation and fresh air flow, including but not limited to the installation/retrofit of windows that open,

- ii. Ensure that every bathroom be equipped with touchless handwashing stations,
 - iii. Fund the installation of water-bottle filling stations to a ratio of one per every student washroom in the school;
- (c) That the Provincial Government, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Foundation for Student Success be urgently called upon to ensure that funding for student nutrition is maintained such that any potential increased cost of nutrition programs under COVID-19, including but not limited to the provision of prepackaged meals does not result in any decrease to the number meals/snacks provided in any of our school sites;
- (d) That the Director:
- i. Report as soon as possible on the status of the board's current water-bottle filling station program;
 - ii. ensure that up to date school by school safety inspections are published online;
 - iii. Ensure that the line by line renewals needs of each school similarly be published;
 - iv. Encourage administrators and educators to use to the maximum extent possible all of our outdoor spaces and large well-ventilated indoor spaces as teaching/learning environments;
 - v. Request advice from Toronto's Medical Officer of Health regarding the most appropriate public health standards and protocols that will be effective in keeping students and staff safe in Toronto's schools.