



The Ministry of Finance Community Budget Consultations

To: Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

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Strategic Directions

- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

It is recommended that The Ministry of Finance Budget Consultations Report be received.

Context

The Ministry of Finance is hosting community budget consultations to hear directly from the people of Ontario.

As the Ministry prepares for the Fall 2020 Ontario Budget, the COVID-19 pandemic has been at the forefront on how Ontarians live, work every day. The Ministry of Finance is welcoming written submissions by residences of Ontario by 16 October 2020. The Toronto District School Board's Draft Submission (maximum 500 words) can be reviewed on Appendix B.

The Ministry of Finance is hosting a virtual discussion in advance of the Fall 2020 Ontario Budget on 15 October 2020. Representing and presenting on behalf of the TDSB will be Associate Director of Business Operations and Service Excellence (Interim), Craig Snider and Attending on behalf of the TDSB will be Director of Education (Interim), Dr. Kathy Witherow. Each testimony will be allotted three minutes of speaking time. The draft speaking notes can be reviewed on Appendix C.

The Consultations will be recorded to better reflect the suggestions that are made.

Ontarians are being asked to complete an online survey to provide their input to the Fall Ontario 2020 Budget, www.Ontario.ca/budgetconsultation. The survey questions are provided in Appendix A.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

The Virtual discussion will be held on 15 October 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in advance of the Fall 2020 Ontario Budget.

Resource Implications

N/A

Communications Considerations

The Ministry of Finance will be recording the consultations to better reflect the suggestions that are made. The TDSB written submission will be posted on the TDSB external website.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

N/A

Appendices

- Appendix A: Survey: Fall 2020 Budget consultations
- Appendix B: Draft TDSB Written Submission (by October 16, 2020)
- Appendix C: Draft Speaking Notes - Community Budget Consultation October 2020

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