



**Name of Committee:** Inner City Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC)

**Meeting Date:** 22 April 2021

A meeting of the Inner-City Community Advisory Committee convened on Thursday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting Co-Chairs Emmy Pantin and Trustee Michelle Aarts presiding.

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**Attendance:** Trustee Michelle Aarts, Co-Chair; Emmy Pantin, Co-Chair; Sheila Cary-Meagher, Community Member; Rachel Chernos Lin; Trustee Ward 11; Trixie Doyle, Trustee Ward 14; Laurie Green, St. Michael's Hospital; Michael Kerr, Colour of Poverty – Colour of Change; Omar Khan, Parent; Christopher Mammoliti, Trustee Ward 4; Dan McLean, Trustee Ward 2; Cherie Mordecai Steer, Parent; Sejal Patel, Ryerson University; Meaghan Phillips Shiner, Parent; Isaiah Shafqat, Indigenous Student Trustee; Robert Spencer, Parent; Crystal Stewart, Parent; Vicky Tourkolias, Toronto Public Library

**Regrets:** Anna-Kay Brown, Jane Finch Education Action Group; David Clandfield, Community Member; Josette Holness, City of Toronto; Ingrid Palmer, Parent

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### Part A: Recommendations

Whereas the 2021/22 federal budget proposes a monumental investment in child care of about \$30B over the next five years and \$8.3B per year thereafter to support early learning and child care; and

Whereas these funds are designed to address gaps in women's labour force participation; and

Whereas the national goal is to reduce child care fees by 50% by the end of 2022 and to facilitate regulated child care at an average cost of \$10 per day by FY25/26; and

Whereas schools in the TDSB host most of the City of Toronto's daycare programs; and

Whereas the Inner City Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC) has always been and continues to be critically involved in improving all educational programs and their availability for the most economically distressed populations in Toronto pursuant to the TDSB equity policy framework;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The TDSB trustees approach relevant federal and provincial MPs and MPPs to urge quick action to adopt the new federal funding and work with municipal and education partners to establish affordable child care in areas of need and help the many people who have lost child care due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

## **Part B: For Information Only**

David Cameron, Senior Manager, Research and Development presented how the LOI criteria is used when ranking schools and he also presented the preliminary Student Achievement Data Report.

The Community Support Workers shared information on programs currently running in the communities, which included parent academy events. They also shared an overview of the supports being provided to families.

The LOI Working Group will send out an invitation to School Councils and other CACs to join this Working Group to assist with the review of historical data on the LOI and resources available to MSIC schools.

An ICCAC Child Care subcommittee be established to review any new policies or strategic plans for child care programs in Toronto to ensure that new or expanded programs are placed in priority needs areas.

The Child Care Subcommittee will invite other CACs, such as Early Years Community Advisory Committee, Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee, Black Student Achievement Community Advisory Committee, etc. to join and assist with the work of this subcommittee.

## **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

The MSIC update was deferred to the May 20, 2021 meeting.

**Report Submitted by:** Sandy Spyropoulos, Executive Superintendent, Learning Centre 4