



Update on Education Program Other (EPO) Grants for 2018-19

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 Board approve that permits continue to be issued to the organizations that fall under the Community Use of Schools - Priority Schools Initiative following the parameters outlined in this report.

Context

On 14 December 2018 the Ministry of Education released a memorandum outlining changes to the Education Program Other (EPO) grants for the 2018-19 school year. The changes ranged from continued funding, reduced funding or discontinued programs. Immediately after the announcement staff contacted the Ministry staff to seek clarity around the information contained in the memorandum and its attachments. During the month of December staff sent out two updates to trustees, concerning the impact of the announcement on Toronto District School Board (TDSB) EPOs based on the information received and further funding announcements. Appendix A outlines the most current information available on the EPOs and includes four tables:

- Table 1: Grants Cancelled in 2018-19 - This table outlines that there are no transfer payment agreements for these grants;
- Table 2: Grants Reduced in 2018-19 - This table indicates that the TDSB has been notified by the Ministry that these grants will be reduced;
- Table 3: Grants Continued in 2018-19 - This table indicates that the Ministry has confirmed that these grants will continue for 2018-19. This list identifies the

programs where the TDSB has received a confirmation and/or a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry; and

- Table 4: Grants Announced in March 2018 where no TPA has been issued.

Staff continues to receive additional information weekly from the Ministry. Should any new significant information become available, staff will update the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee, as necessary.

Staff was notified last week of a change to the Community Use of Schools - Priority Schools Initiative EPO. The grant subsidizes school boards to offer free permitting for use of schools in 77 schools that make-up the Priority Schools List (low socio-economic) included in Appendix B. The announced change was a reduction of the grant from \$2,618,000 to \$1,636,250, net change of \$981,750. The reduction of funding will have an impact on the overall financial position of the board. However, due to the mid-year funding announcement staffing levels have already been established for the year for both caretaking and maintenance and therefore are fixed for the balance of the fiscal year.

Permits for the school year, excluding March Break, have already been released to permit holders. The reduction in funding approximately represents those permits that would be released during the March Break and summer. Operating practice would be to release the March Break permits by the end of January 2019. Summer permits are typically released in May 2019.

In recognition of the value that these permits have for the community, staff are recommending that these permits continue as planned. The rationale being that since the staffing costs are already committed that no additional costs will be incurred to allow a majority of these permits to be utilized. However, no new permits will be issued that increase the board's overall cost.

The Community Use of School grant reduction follows on the heels of grant cancellation to a number of programs specially geared to serve at risk communities and at risk young people. Just before the holidays the Ministry announced the cancellation of grants, for example:

- Focus on Youth after school program which provides employment and youth opportunities for youth in the city's priority neighborhoods;
- Re-engagement 12-12 program that encourages students that have left school to return to complete diploma graduation requirements; and
- Tutors in the Classroom program which paid university and college students to help tutor students struggling in school.

In addition, the Ministry has made no decision as to the continued funding for the significant Focus on Youth Summer Program. Last year funding for this program allowed the TDSB to hire and train more than 600 youth to work alongside community agencies that serve some of the city's most at-risk and vulnerable young people. Typically by this time in the year, the TDSB would already have started the recruitment process for this program. To date there is no decision from the Ministry on whether this program will receive funds.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

As Transfer Payment Agreements (TPAs) are released and signed, the appropriate program leads are informed and budgets allocated.

Resource Implications

Not applicable.

Communications Considerations

Not applicable.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

Not applicable.

Appendices

- Appendix A: Current Information Available on the Education Program Other Grants
- Appendix B: Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) Schools

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Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) Schools**Learning Centre 1 – Beth Butcher**

1. Amesbury Middle School
2. Elmbank Junior Middle Academy
3. Flemington Public School
4. George Harvey Collegiate Institute
5. George Syme Community School
6. Greenholme Junior Middle School
7. Grenoble Public School
8. John Polanyi Collegiate Institute
9. Lambton Park Community School
10. Lawrence Heights Middle School
11. Maple Leaf Public School
12. Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute
13. North Kipling Junior Middle School
14. Portage Trail Community School
15. Rockcliffe Middle School
16. Thorncliffe Park Public School
17. Valley Park Middle School
18. West Humber Collegiate Institute
19. York Humber High School
20. Central Etobicoke High School
21. Dixon Grove Junior Middle School
22. Kipling Collegiate Institute

Learning Centre 2 – Karen Falconer

1. Beverley Heights Middle School
2. Brookview Middle School
3. C W Jefferys Collegiate Institute
4. Chalkfarm Public School
5. Chester Le Junior Public School
6. Downsview Secondary School
7. Fairglen Junior Public School
8. Glamorgan Junior Public School
9. Gracedale Public School
10. Highland Heights
11. Lescon Public School
12. Northview Heights Secondary School
13. Oakdale Park Middle School
14. O'Connor Public School
15. Pauline Johnson Junior Public School
16. Topcliff Public School
17. Victoria Park Collegiate Institute
18. Victoria Village Public School
19. Westview Centennial Secondary School

Learning Centre 3- Roula Anastasakos

1. Alexander Stirling Public School
2. Bendale Business and Technical Institute
3. Cedar Drive Junior Public School
4. Cedarbrae Collegiate Institute
5. Charles Gordon Senior Public School
6. Cornell Junior Public School
7. Corvette Junior Public School
8. Eastview Public School
9. John McCrae Public School
10. Joseph Brant PS
11. Lester B Pearson Collegiate Institute
12. Mason Road Junior Public School
13. Oakridge Junior Public School
14. Warden Avenue Public School
15. West Hill Collegiate Institute
16. Willow Park Junior Public School
17. Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute
18. Woburn Junior Public School
19. Military Trail Public School

Learning Centre 4 - Sandy Spyropoulos

1. Alexander Muir/Gladstone Ave Junior & Snr School
2. Carleton Village Junior and Senior Sports and Wellness Academy
3. Central Technical School
4. D.A Morrison Middle School
5. Duke of Connaught Junior and Senior School
6. Lord Dufferin Junior and Senior PS
7. Monarch Park Collegiate Institute
8. Nelson Mandela Park Public School
9. Parkdale Collegiate Institute
10. Queen Alexandra Middle School
11. Queen Victoria Public School
12. Rose Avenue Junior Public School
13. Ryerson Community School
14. Secord Elementary School
15. Sprucecourt Public School
16. Wilkinson Junior Public School
17. Winchester Junior and Secondary School

TABLE 1: Grants Cancelled in 2018-19

This table outlines that there are no transfer payment agreements for these grants.

Program	2017-2018 Funded Amount	Status
Focus on Youth After School (Provides employment and leadership opportunities for youth in priority neighbourhoods)	\$263,200	75 students will not be hired as a result of this funding cancellation
Re-engagement 12-12+ (Encourage students that have left school to return to complete diploma requirements)	\$137,615	Ministry Cancelled Funding
Innovation in Learning Fund (Professional Development for Digital Lead Administrators – Principals & Vice Principals)	\$109,500	Ministry Cancelled Funding
Tutors in the Classroom (College & University Students Tutor students)	\$35,000	52 tutors (college or university students) will not be hired as a result of this funding cancellation
Pilots on Ensuring Equitable Access to Postsecondary Education (Assists with preparing and submitting post-secondary applications)	\$119,790	Ministry Cancelled Funding
Daily Physical Activity Funding for Elementary Schools	\$64,395	Ministry Cancelled Funding
Indigenous Focused Collaborative Inquiry (Professional Development for Teachers)	\$15,000	Ministry Cancelled Funding
Total Funding in 2017-2018	\$744,500	

TABLE 2: Grants Reduced in 2018-19

This table indicates that the TDSB has been notified by the Ministry that these grants will be reduced.

Program - Status	2017-18 Grant Amount	2018-19 Original Amount	2018-19 Reduced Grant
Adult and Continuing Education Corrections - Reduction	\$100,000	N/A	\$62,500
Literacy Gap Closing 7-12 - Reduction	\$137,750	N/A	\$58,000
Managing Information for Student Achievement - Reduction	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$60,000
Aboriginal Youth Entrepreneurship Program (AYEP) – No Reduction	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$27,000
Well-Being: Safe, Accepting and Healthy Schools and Mental Health - TBD	\$668,835	\$844,345	\$625,465
Techno Math - Reduction	\$13,200	\$74,900	\$50,745

Program - Status	2017-18 Grant Amount	2018-19 Original Amount	2018-19 Reduced Grant
Enhancing Experiential Learning (Highly Skilled Workforce Strategy) - Reduction	\$1,051,411	\$1,069,705	\$971,242
Community Use of Schools - Priority Schools Initiative	\$2,618,000	\$2,618,000	\$1,636,250
Community Use of Schools – Outreach Co-ordinators	\$484,000	\$484,000	\$302,500

TABLE 3: Grants Continued in 2018-19

This table indicates that the Ministry has confirmed that these grants will continue for 2018-19. This list identifies the programs where the TDSB has received a confirmation and/or a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry.

Program	2017-18 Grant Amount	2018-19 Original Amount	2018-19 Grant TPA
Broadband Modernization Program	N/A	\$308,324	\$308,324
Human Rights and Equity Advisors	N/A	\$426,075	\$426,075
Autism Spectrum Disorder – After School Skills Development Program	\$356,959	\$226,563	\$226,563
Autism Spectrum Disorder – Pilot to Improve School Based Support for Students with ASD	\$271,633	\$261,633	\$261,633
Language Nest (Indigenous Language)	\$140,000	TBD	
French as a Second Language	\$548,538	\$526,514	\$541,514
Fundamental Mathematics (formerly Renewed Math Strategy)	\$5,435,068	\$5,435,068	\$5,435,068
Teacher Learning and Leadership Program (TLLP)	N/A	\$59,561	\$59,561
Ontario Equity Action Plan (Identify-Based Data Collection)	N/A	\$204,500	\$204,500
Anti-Racism Directorate: Improving the Achievement of Black Students	N/A	\$300,000	
Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)	\$467,883	\$390,306	\$390,306
Enhancing Capacity and Skills of CUPE Members	N/A	\$779,604	\$779,604
Speakup! / Student Engagement	\$105,976	TBD	\$61,900
Physical Activity for Secondary Schools (PASS)	\$55,175	TBD	
Student Success Leaders (SSL) Supporting Racialized Students	\$9,930	TBD	
Indigenous Student Learning and Leadership Gathering	N/A	TBD	
Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants for School Councils	\$411,338	\$369,901	\$369,901
Online Health and Safety Incident Reporting System	N/A	TBD	
Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership (OFIP)	\$100,500	TBD	\$119,715
Mental Health Workers	N/A	\$1,659,738	\$1,659,738
Indigenous Support and Engagement Initiative	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

Program	2017-18 Grant Amount	2018-19 Original Amount	2018-19 Grant TPA
Board Leadership Development Strategy (Ontario Leadership Strategy and Mentoring for All)	\$394,986	TBD	\$219,092
Supporting Cannabis Legalization	N/A	TBD	\$229,300
Special Education Professional Assessment	N/A	TBD	\$1,050,395
Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM EPO Portion)	\$626,625	\$911,975	\$911,975

TABLE 4: Grants Announced in March 2018 where no TPA has been Issued

Program	2017-18 Grant Amount	2018-19 Original Amount	2018-19 Grant TPA
Supporting French Language, Special Education and the Success of Students with Special Needs (determined TDSB does not qualify)	N/A	N/A	
Summer Focus on Youth Program (FOY)	\$3,080,000	TBD	
International Education Strategy	N/A	TBD	
Professional Development and Apprenticeship	N/A	TBD	
Professional Development - Principals and Vice-Principals	N/A	TBD	
Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy (2018 Projects)	N/A	TBD	
Designated Early Childhood Educator Professional Learning	N/A	\$169,500	