**Toronto District School Board**

**2020 Secondary School Review**

The operational cost of operating underutilized and small secondary schools costs significantly more per student when compared to schools that have a larger student population.

Schools of 0 - 500 students have an operational cost of $2277 per student.

Schools of 501 - 750 students have an operational cost of $1643 per student.

Schools of 751 – 1,000 students have an operational cost of $1084 per student.

Schools of 1,000 – 1,250 students have an operational cost of $993 per student.

Schools of 1,251 – 1,500 students have an operational cost of $727 per student.

From a high of 140,433 students in 1976, the Secondary Panel has declined to approximately 72,000 students today.

The TDSB currently has 20000 surplus seats at the secondary panel. We currently have the capacity for 95000 secondary students. However, we only have 72600 students enrolled.

Timetabling conflicts are more prevalent at schools with smaller enrolments than at schools with larger student populations. Schools with larger student populations are able to offer more sections of the same course and more course choices, resulting in fewer conflicts.

Just over 50% of secondary students attend their home school by address, compared to 76% of elementary students who attend their home school by address.

The average age of our secondary school buildings is 64. Only 2 secondary school buildings were built in the past 20 years. 8 secondary school buildings were built over 100 years ago.

As of October 2019, the average utilization rate at the 111 secondary schools in the system was 78%. 25 of them were operating below 50% of their capacity and 28 were operating over 100% of their capacity.

Secondary schools with fewer than 700 students had an average of 14 courses/ sections available in their Arts department, compared to schools of over 1,000 students having an average of 29 courses/ sections available in their Arts department.

Although the average size of our neighbourhood secondary schools is 995 students, many schools have a much smaller population, meaning reduced course offerings and pathways for students.