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Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustee Lister)

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Manager, Board Services, Governance and Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaw 21.1, the following motion is submitted for consideration.

21.1 A matter may be added to the regular meeting agenda by submitting in writing to the Director, at least seven days in advance of the meeting...

Encouraging Lease of Space

Whereas, the Board has many surplus classrooms for lease in schools which would be perfectly suitable for office space for community groups, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations; and

Whereas, there are many community groups, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations which are currently leasing office space from private owners; and

Whereas, it makes perfect sense for taxpayer dollars to go to renting space from other levels of government such as the Board before commercial properties;

Therefore be it resolved that the Chair send a letter to the Premier, all provincial ministers, the Mayor of Toronto, City Manager, and Chief City Planner for Toronto reminding them of the importance of responsibly using taxpayer dollars and encouraging them to make use of Toronto District School Board space by having their agencies as well as community groups and not-for-profit agencies consider leasing office space from the TDSB before leasing commercial properties.

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