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## **Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Brown and 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 by:

(a) two or more members of the Board...

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### **Review of Education Development Charges**

Whereas, at a meeting on October 30, 2017, the Minister of Education expressed an interest in consulting with all 72 school boards in Ontario about the implications of amending Ontario Regulation 20/98, Education Development Charges, to provide greater flexibility for school boards to collect and use these charges to tackle student accommodation pressures in schools due to intense residential and commercial development; and

Whereas, in its advocacy letter dated November 8, 2017, the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), which represents all 72 school boards in the province of Ontario requested that the Minister of Education convene a working group to access and review the implications of amendments to the *Education Act* and Ontario Regulation 20/98; and

Whereas, the City of Toronto passed a motion in November 2017 requesting that the Province make amendments to Ontario Regulation 20/98 to allow the Toronto District School Board to collect education development charges in order to support essential infrastructure needs; and

Whereas, the Toronto District School Board has repeatedly advocated for amendments to the *Education Act*, including Section 10 of Ontario Regulation 20/98, to gain access to a much needed additional source of capital funding to mitigate the effects of provincially mandated growth and development on schools within the City of Toronto; and

Whereas, in April 2017 the Planning and Priorities Committee received a report entitled *Strategy to Address City Growth and Intensification*, which recommended that the TDSB implement a multi-pronged approach to development related issues, including amendments to the *Education Act* and the *Planning Act*;

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Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair invite members of the co-terminus boards and the Mayor of Toronto to engage, as soon as possible, in direct discussions with the Minister of Education on necessary amendments to the *Education Act*, specifically Section 10 of Ontario Regulation 20/98 with regard to:
  - (i) how boards are assessed,
  - (ii) broadening the use of education development charges beyond its current limited use of land acquisition to include expansion, construction, renewal and maintenance of school buildings;
- (b) That the Chair, with the support of the Director, develop and implement a strategy to engage the City of Toronto, the Provincial government and other stakeholders on the role of school boards in the land use planning process, including amendments to the *Planning Act* that would provide greater protection for school boards on development applications;
- (c) That the Chair, with the support of the Director, prepare a communications plan that will:
  - (i) inform parents/guardians, through school councils, about the proposed changes to the *Education Act* and Ontario Regulation 20/98,
  - (ii) provide guidance on how parents/guardians can directly advocate for these changes including contacting their local Members of Provincial Parliament and the Minister of Education.
- (d) That the Chair present a report on the actions at Parts (a) to (c) above at the February 7, 2018 regular meeting.