Fully Fund Our Schools with Education Development Charges

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS, provincial underfunding for the Toronto District School Board is estimated to exceed $109 million this school year;

WHEREAS, Education Development Charges are fees levied against developers of new residential units and used by school boards to fund growth-related education land costs;

WHEREAS, school boards operating below capacity are not eligible to collect Education Development Charges and EDC revenues may only be used for the purchase and upgrading of new land;

WHEREAS, the TDSB urgently needs more funds to finance infrastructure requirements to accommodate new growth, and developers should be contributing to these costs;

WHEREAS, the TDSB could generate nearly $300 million in EDC revenues to support essential infrastructure needs;

WHEREAS, the requirements of the current legislation do not allow the Toronto District School Board to collect Education Development Charges;

WE, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That the members of the Legislative Assembly amend the *Education Act* to allow all school boards to access Education Development Charges revenues and to enable school boards to apply EDC funds to school capital and site related costs.

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