BOARD FUNDED CAPITAL PRIORITIES CRITERIA UPDATE

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.
1 Corinthians 3:10

Vision:
At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:
The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 10, 2013 the Board approved that socio-economic criteria be added in the evaluation of priorities setting for internal Board funded priorities with a weighting to be approved by the Board.

This report recommends that

a) That “Low Family Income” be utilized as a Catholic Lens Factor and added to the TCDSB Capital Prioritization Matrix with a weighting of five points.

a) That in cases where the Board approves the consolidation of schools after a School Accommodation Review process, any schools receiving new students as a result of this process be placed in priority sequence for consideration of Ministry of Education Capital Priority Funding.

B. BACKGROUND

1. On September 12, 2013 the Board approved the report Capital Priorities Criteria, stating that in order to maximize potential Capital Priorities funding, that:

   a) The Capital Prioritization Matrix in Comment 13 be applied using updated data.
   b) The resulting TCDSB Capital Priorities be submitted to the Board of Trustees for consideration at the October 2013 Corporate Affairs, Strategic Planning and Property Committee.
   c) Business cases for the top eight capital priorities be submitted to the Ministry of Education for consideration by the deadline of October 31, 2013.
   d) The Socio-Economic criteria laid out in Point 10 under D Evidence/Research be added in the evaluation of priorities setting for internal Board funded priorities with a weighting to be approved by Board.

2. There is no funding at this time for internally-funded capital projects. The current focus in the Capital Plan approved on April 11, 2013 has been the construction of replacement new pupil accommodation to remedy (1) the lack of permanent accommodation, and (2) facilities that are prohibitive to repair.

3. The Board approved the following updated Capital Priority Criteria to be applied to all schools:

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4. As noted in Memorandum 2013:B13: Request for Capital Priorities, the Ministry of Education funding focus is on projects that meet one or more of the following needs:
   a) Accommodation Pressure: there is insufficient capacity at the school or in nearby schools
   b) Facility Condition: Facilities with high Renewal needs
   c) School Consolidation: Projects enable Boards to reduce excess capacity to better focus their resources. This includes projects related to School Accommodation Reviews (SARCs).

C. ACTION PLAN

5. The Socio-Economic criteria laid out in the September 12, 2013 report *Capital Priorities Criteria* are as follows:
   a) Median combined family income
   b) Parent Unemployment %
   c) Low Family Income %
   d) Single Parent Families %
   e) Housing: % of renters vs owners
   f) Catholic Service Factor
   g) Access to Community Services

6. In keeping with the overall focus of these criteria as part of the Catholic values of TCDSB, it is recommended that a single “Catholic lens factor” be created. After discussions with Planning Services and Research staff, it is recommended that the single factor Low Family Income be utilized as the best indicator of community need. This Catholic Lens Factor would be added to the Capital Prioritization Matrix with a weighting of five points.

7. In cases where the Board approves the consolidation of schools after a School Accommodation Review process, staff recommend that any schools receiving new students as a result of this process be placed in priority sequence for consideration of Ministry of Education Capital Priority Funding. Such a decision is consistent with Memorandum 2013:B13: Request for Capital Priorities.
D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. That “Low Family Income” be utilized as a Catholic Lens Factor and added to the TCDSB Capital Prioritization Matrix with a weighting of five points.

2. That in cases where the Board approves the consolidation of schools after a School Accommodation Review process, any schools receiving new students as a result of this process be placed in priority sequence for consideration of Ministry of Education Capital Priority Funding.