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(with Attention: Written Submission for Consideration by Trustees)

Attention:

TDSB – Planning and Priorities Committee

Ms. Shelley Laskin, TDSB Trustee, Ward 11, St. Paul's

Dear Committee members and Trustee Laskin,

RE: SERRA supports Education Development Charges for the Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

We are SERRA, The South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, representing the Davisville Village and South Eglinton area in Toronto. Our area, which includes the Davisville and Soudan apartment neighbourhoods as well as the Midtown cores at the intersections of Yonge/Eglinton, Yonge/Davisville and Eglinton/Mt Pleasant has one of the highest rates of densification and new development applications in Toronto.

Upon completion of the currently projected development pipeline, The Yonge - Eglinton Centre population is projected to grow (from 2016) by more than 100 % (from 20K to 44K) and the Yonge – Eglinton Secondary Plan area (from 2016) by more than 50% (from 61K to 95K). The SERRA area is wholly inside and comprises the largest footprint of the Y-E Secondary area. We expect additional development applications in the near term.

This unprecedented development is adding tremendous pressure on existing infrastructure, community services and most significantly, impact on local schools, which have been at overcapacity for years. City of Toronto planning is working to ensure that city services and infrastructure expand to cope with the increase in population. Our local schools have been unable to keep pace with the growth in this geographically small, but high density area of Toronto.

By the year 2025, there will be at least 34,000 more people within walking distance of Yonge-Eglinton.

We are asking that the TDSB be given an opportunity to pro-actively collect EDCs in order to grow our schools where densification and high growth areas such as in the

SERRA area are creating overcrowding in local schools. Education Development Charges (EDCs), would enable the TDSB to fix, renovate and add to existing schools.

We are also asking that the TDSB consider purchasing land in order to expand schools before any available land is developed.

Regards,



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President, SERRA

cc: Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario and MPP, Don Valley West
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