



2021-22 International Baccalaureate Fees

To: Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

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Strategic Directions

- Transform Student Learning
- Create a Culture for Student and Staff Well-Being
- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- 1) TDSB suspends the introduction of fees for the 2021-22 Secondary School International Baccalaureate program, and
- 2) TDSB provides alternative offsets in the upcoming 2021-22 budget process.

Context

The TDSB International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma is a specifically designed educational program for students in Grade 11 and 12. The program is currently offered at five TDSB schools - Monarch Park CI, Parkdale CI, Sir Wilfrid Laurier CI, Victoria Park CI and Weston CI. The program provides students with first year university credits and is recognized in over 125 countries. There are approximately 1,400 to 1,500 TDSB students attending the Grade 9 to Grade 12 program each year. Between 530 and 600 of those students are in Grade 11 and 12.

In December 2019, the Board instituted a sliding scale fee for the 2020-21 IB programs, from \$500 to \$1,500 per student for Grade 11 and 12 IB students. This translated to approximately \$0.8M to 0.9M in projected revenues for the school year.

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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Baccalaureate Organization revised their requirements around teacher training, which resulted in a reduction in program costs to the TDSB.

On August 6, 2020, the Board approved a motion to eliminate the 2020-21 IB fees. All students and families who paid for the program were refunded in full.

As schools commence 2021-22 IB program planning, student registrations and assessments from October 2020 to February 2021, students and families are seeking confirmation around the program fee structure.

It is recommended that TDSB continues to suspend the fees for the IB program, for the 2021-22 school year, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and uncertainties around the program delivery model.

Staff will identify alternative offsets from this lost revenue source, as part of the upcoming 2021-22 budget approval process.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

N/A

Resource Implications

N/A

Communications Considerations

The decision around the 2021-22 International Baccalaureate Fees will be communicated to all TDSB IB schools, and posted on the TDSB external website upon Board approval.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

N/A

Appendices

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