## **Background**

The Board of Trustees approved an action plan for the <u>Secondary Program Review</u> in June 2019. This plan includes looking at all the programs and courses offered at each site, related policies and procedures and enrolment.

The current and projected enrolment at the secondary panel does not support the number of facilities in operation. As of October 2019, the average utilization rate at the 112 secondary schools in the system was 78%; 25 of them were operating below 50% of their capacity. That means that the Board has almost 20,000 surplus pupil spaces across the system.

In 2016-17, the TDSB engaged in a consultation process for students to share their thoughts and opinions about secondary school programs and opportunities, the knowledge/skills and supports students need for the future, the design of school spaces and organization of the school schedule. This included group consultation meetings as well as an online survey for students in Grade 8, 10 and 12. A recurring theme in both the online and face-to-face consultations was the need for greater program choice. Highlights from the consultation process can be found here.

To learn more about the Secondary School Review, please read the <u>Questions and</u> Answers and additional resources available on this page.