#### **Updated January 24 2024**

### Niagara St Jr PS and The Waterfront School Boundary Change Review – Questions and Answers

### Context regarding this review:

Niagara St Jr PS has consistently experienced growth in enrolment, resulting in accommodation pressures at the school. The school building and site are relatively small, which does not allow for space expansions or placement of portables for any future growth.

To address the enrolment pressures at Niagara St Jr PS and alleviate pressure in the short/mid term, the following actions have been taken:

- Retrieval of one classroom from the childcare for instructional use and
- Redirection of future residential developments from Niagara St Jr PS to Ryerson CS.

The TDSB has formed a Local Feasibility Team made up of central TDSB staff, to identify long term strategies to address the continued accommodation pressures at Niagara St Jr PS. As a result, an attendance boundary change has been proposed to designate a portion of the Niagara Street Public School attendance boundary to The Waterfront School. The proposed boundary change would be implemented for September 2025.

The area being proposed to be designated to The Waterfront School is known as the "Fort York area" (Please refer to the map below).



### 1. If the boundary change is approved by the Board of Trustees, when will it be implemented?

If approved, the boundary change would begin implementation for September 2025 (2025-26 school year).

## 2. Does the proposed boundary change impact students currently enrolled at Niagara St Jr PS and residing within the impacted area?

Students that are residing within the impacted area AND are currently attending Niagara St Jr PS will have the choice of continuing to attend Niagara St Jr PS until they graduate or the choice of attending The Waterfront School, starting in September 2025.

If the boundary change is approved by the Board of Trustees, this change will impact new student that reside within the impacted area. Starting in September 2025.

### 3. Will younger siblings of students currently attending Niagara St Jr PS be able to also attend Niagara St Jr PS with their older sibling?

The younger siblings of existing students at Niagara St Jr PS, who are not enrolled in school yet, will have the option of attending Niagara St Jr PS with their older sibling.

If the older sibling graduates before the younger sibling enters Junior Kindergarten, the younger sibling will not be able to enrol at Niagara St Jr PS. The younger sibling will attend their designated school by address, The Waterfront School.

### 4. How far is the impacted area from The Waterfront School?

The Waterfront School is within walking distance of the impacted area (i.e. the Fort York area).

#### 5. Has a final decision been made on this boundary change?

A final decision has not been made yet on this boundary change. Before a decision is made by the Board of Trustees, a public meeting will be held to provide the community additional information on the boundary change and an opportunity to express their feedback and questions regarding this review. Afterwards, a report is prepared by TDSB staff summarizing the proposal and the feedback received from the community. Finally, the report is presented to the Board of Trustees for final decision making.

#### 6. Are you proposing any changes to the Secondary School boundaries?

There are no changes being proposed to the existing Secondary School boundaries for the impacted area (i.e. Fort York area). Students residing in that area will continue to be designated to Parkdale CI for their Secondary School.

# 7. When and where will the public meeting be held? How can I participate/join the public meeting?

The public meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 6 2024 at 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm**. The meeting will be held both virtually on zoom AND in-person at The Waterfront School (635 Queens Quay W, Toronto, ON M5V 3G3).

Participants must pre-register to join the In-person or Virtual meeting. To do so, please visit:

https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN V1Ur0VKTS8-KVmX64MAyXA#/registration