

Ngaire L.E. Written Delegation
August 4, 2020

To the trustees of the TDSB,

My name is Ngaire Lyden-Elleray. I am a former student of the Parkdale IB program. I am writing in support of the motion proposed by Trustees Patel and Pilkey to reverse the board's decision to impose fees for the international Baccalaureate Program. I urge you all to vote to cancel these fees. These fees are regressive and take away the opportunity of a specialized education from students in low income and minoritized communities. Introducing the IB program to schools for free was to seek equity in education under the TDSB, and instating these fees takes away that chance of equity. IB offers learning environments that students don't always have access to, as well as give students whose parents or family members did not go to university the chance to better prepare for the transition between high school and university. IB fees will create a divide between the privatized parts of the school and the public parts of the school and violates the TDSB Equity Foundation Statement: *"The TDSB will ensure that our school system is built on the principles of anti-Oppression, Anti-Racism, Non-discrimination, equitable and Inclusive Education, which...g.iii identifies and eliminates barriers; All students and staff are supported equitably through the identification and removal of discriminatory Bias and or Barriers, whether individual, systemic or intersecting, that limit their ability to equal access, participation and/or outcomes in schools and workplaces and achieve their full potential."* In order to maintain the TDSB Equity Foundation Statement, the fees for IB must be cancelled.