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Re: Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Planning Act (Schedule 10 of Bill 60 – Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025)

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has reviewed the proposed amendments under Schedule 10 of Bill 60 – *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025* – as posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. These proposed changes aim to streamline and accelerate provincial and municipal planning processes to support housing delivery and infrastructure development.

The TCDSB is generally supportive of the government's continued efforts to modernize Ontario's land use planning system to enable the timely construction of new housing and community infrastructure. The proposed changes under Schedule 10 largely address processes related to Ministerial decisions, Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs), minor variances, Community Improvement Plans (CIPs), and Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSAs).

While these amendments are primarily procedural, TCDSB notes that faster and more flexible housing approvals will place increased pressure on local schools, particularly in high-growth areas. As such, the Board encourages continued coordination between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Education, and school boards to ensure that school site planning and capital approvals can align with the accelerated pace of residential development envisioned through Bill 60.

The TCDSB also notes that exempting school developments from site plan control or otherwise simplifying site plan requirements for schools as requested through comments on Bill 17, would meaningfully improve delivery timelines. This measure would help strengthen the TCDSB commitment to strong partnerships and in building complete communities where new schools can be planned and constructed in step with the rapid housing growth anticipated under Bill 60.



The TCDSB supports the removal of redundant approval steps for PMTSAs and other municipal planning tools where this will improve efficiency. However, the Board emphasizes that as-of-right development permissions and expedited planning approvals should continue to recognize the need for adequate public service facilities, including schools, within complete communities.

In closing, while the proposed legislative amendments do not directly modify the *Education Act* or the Education Development Charge (EDC) framework, TCDSB will continue to monitor the implementation of Bill 60 and any subsequent regulations for potential impacts on school site acquisition, capital planning, and coordination with municipalities.

The TCDSB appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback and would welcome ongoing dialogue with the Ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Education to ensure that Ontario's housing initiatives are supported by the timely delivery of school infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Loberto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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