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*Office of the Director of Education
Office of the Chair of the Board*

January 29, 2015

TTC Board
c/o Kevin Lee
kevin.lee@ttc.ca

Dear Board Members:

We sincerely appreciate Mayor John Tory's proposal to offer free TTC ridership to children 12 years of age and under and have attached, for your information, a copy of our letter to the Mayor thanking him for his leadership in this regard.

As the largest publicly funded Catholic school board in Ontario, the Toronto Catholic District School Board represents some 60,000 elementary school students. We know this bold and forward looking proposal would help many of the needy families among the 475,000 households that make up our Catholic community.

It is with these families in mind that we suggest that the TTC Board consider extending this privilege to all elementary school students. The current proposed age limit will result in many grade 8 students being excluded from free TTC access.

On behalf of the entire TCDSB community, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Michael Del Grande
Chair of the Board

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Angela Gauthier
Director of Education

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Attachment

**Presented to the Board
February 2, 2015**



*Office of the Director of Education
Office of the Chair of the Board*

January 23, 2015

Mayor John Tory
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, we offer our congratulations on the tabling of your first official City of Toronto budget as Mayor of Toronto.

We are deeply appreciative of your proposal to offer free TTC ridership to children 12 years of age and under. As the largest publicly funded Catholic school board in Ontario, representing some 60,000 elementary school students, we know this bold and forward looking move will help many of the needy families among the 475,000 households that make up our Catholic community.

It is with these families in mind that we suggest that you consider extending this privilege to all elementary school students. The current proposed age limit will result in many grade 8 students being excluded from free TTC access.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

We wish you continued success throughout your term, and look forward to meeting with you to discuss further opportunities that will benefit youth and families in our great City.

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