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Honorable Indira Naidoo-Harris  
Ministry of Education  
22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1L2

***Re: Student Transportation Consultation Survey***

Dear Minister Naidoo-Harris,

The BCCA is a vertical community with an approximate population of 18,000 residential members. Our boundaries encompass Charles Street West to the north, Queen's Park Crescent West to the west, College Street to the south and Yonge Street to the east. We currently have 12 residential towers under construction within our catchment area.

As an association we feel it is healthy for a community to reflect a full range of ages in its population and we would like to see a full range of ages within our neighbourhood. The BCCA strongly supports a minimum standard of 10% of 3 bedroom family sized units in all new residential developments.

The BCCA recommends that attendance of children in schools be part of discussions with developers building new residential towers in our area. The issue of availability of sufficient space in the local schools should be determined in the initial stages of the application process. In situations where the local school is full and bussing is required, early discussions need to include the funding of the costs of bussing students to their school. It may necessitate the developer to be financially responsible for the funding of these bussing costs. Bussing will ensure that children have an appropriate and safe way to get to school

While intensification has successfully attracted families to move into the downtown core, some parents are still challenged with finding a safe way for their children to get to school due in some cases to the unavailability of bussing since their location does not meet the eligibility criteria. Yet, from these locations, walking distance must be supervised otherwise the parents are required to find another method to get the children to school. The current threshold of 1.6K is not appropriate for children in Pre-Kindergarten through to Grade 2 (ages 4 to 7) in a busy urban environment.

Therefore, we propose that the eligibility criteria for these younger children be reassessed accordingly.

Sincerely,

Marilyn-Tait McClellan, President BCCA

CC: Councillor Wong-Tam – Ward 27  
Chris Moise -TDSB Ward 14 Trustee

Honorable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Transportation  
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