To: TDSB Special Education Advisory Committee

From: David Lepofsky, Chair

Date: February 7, 2024

Subject: Chair’s Report

Thank you again for entrusting me with the role of SEAC Chair for this year. Here are two things I invite you to consider in advance of our next SEAC meeting on February 12, 2024.

## 1. Priorities for this Year

To assist in setting priorities for agenda topics at our SEAC meetings this year, I am allocating a chunk of time at our upcoming meeting to go around the table to ask each of you to put forward your top 2 or 3 priorities. This brainstorming will not lead to any votes or final determinations. It will give Richard and me a good sampling to draw upon.

Of course, it will always be open to anyone to raise new and emerging issues over the year, beyond those tabled at this meeting.

We won’t debate any of these as we go around the physical and virtual room. Please plan to just give your list.

After the meeting, Richard and I will go over the results, plus the written feedback that some SEAC members sent in last fall. We will use it for our meeting planning. Nothing will be carved in stone.

Our aim in this agenda item is to focus on topics relating to the education supports, services and opportunities at TDSB for students with special education needs. What measures are needed to improve things at school for our kids. This will not include SEAC procedural issues.

The meeting agenda will have other important topics. I will do my best to keep the discussion moving, so we can reach everyone in the time allotted, while giving a fair chance for you to weigh in.

## 2. Proposed Motion on the TDSB Budget

At our February 12, 2024 meeting, a motion will be brought forward for discussion, and if possible, a vote regarding the forthcoming TDSB budget. I’m hoping it will meet with broad support. It is time-sensitive, since it will need to be passed, if at all, in time for the March 4, 2024 opportunity to make a SEAC deputation to the relevant committee of the TDSB trustees.

I recommend that it be very short, simple, and to the point. The current draft of the wording to be proposed is as follows:

“SEAC recommends to the TDSB trustees that the forthcoming TDSB budget should ensure that there are no cuts to services, supports, learning opportunities or resources for students with special education needs. Those students require an increase to the services, supports and staffing provided for them.”

I don’t want SEAC members’ email inboxes inundated with emails before our February 12, 2024 meeting. However, if you have any feedback on this motion that could be accommodated before the SEAC meeting, we can consider adjustments, if needed, so the meeting goes smoothly.