



**DURHAM CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**
Learning and Living in Faith

Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees
From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education
Date: February 27, 2023
Subject: **International Student Fees 2023/2024 Update**
Origin: Jim Wilson, Superintendent of Education

Recommendation

Moved by _____, seconded by _____

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board approve International Student Fees in the amount of \$15,200 for an elementary school student and \$16,200 for a secondary school student for the 2023/2024 school year.”

Rationale

In accordance with provisions of the *Education Act*, a Board must charge tuition fees to international students to cover the cost of their education within our school system. During the 2022/2023 school year, there are 58 long-term and 177 short-term international students. The purpose of this report is to review the current fee amount and recommend International Student Fees for the 2023/2024 school year.

Background

On Monday, June 10, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Durham Catholic District School Board approved an international student fee of \$14,550 for elementary students and \$15,550 for secondary students. These revised International Student Fees were to take effect in the 2020/2021 school year. This change in fee structure reflected the International Student Recovery Amount (ISRA) initiated by the Ministry of Education on April 26, 2019, and released in its B14 Memorandum regarding Grants for Student Needs (GSN) finding for the 2019/2020 school year which stated:

“Beginning in 2019/2020, a school boards total GSN operating grants should be reduced by the amount equal to a flat fee of \$1300 multiplied by the international student enrolment, pro-rated where the students are not full time. School boards

continue to be responsible for setting tuition fees for international students per the tuition fees regulation which sets the minimum amount that must be charged to non-resident students.”

International student fees were to be increased in two stages, in both the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 school years, to incorporate the Ministry of Education’s ISRA amount of \$1300. However, considering the financial difficulties international students’ families experienced during Covid, the international student fees were not increased for the 2020/2021 school year. Through a review of fees collected across the province, staff is reasonably recommending that international student fees be subject to the 2020/2021 increase. The increase will take effect in the 2023/2024 school year wherein the elementary student fee would be set at \$15,200 and the secondary fee would be set at \$16,200.

Tuition Rates in Other Boards – 2022-2023

Note: Below is information regarding tuition fees at a variety of school boards in proximity to Durham Catholic

Board	Secondary Fees	Elementary Fees
Durham District School Board	\$16,700	\$15,600
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	\$13,500	\$13,000
Peterborough, Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board	\$14,100	\$13,000
Toronto Catholic District School Board	\$16,000	\$16,000
Toronto District School Board	\$16,000	\$16,000
York Catholic District School Board	\$16,700	\$16,000
York Region District School Board	\$16,050	\$15,300

Next Steps

Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, advance posting of this proposed fee structure will serve to assist in the recruitment process with our established service providers.

TB/JW/lj