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Maïa Puccetti, M.Arch., OAA Executive Officer Facility Services and Planning Toronto District School Board

Dear Maia Puccetti and TDSB Representatives:

Community Input on the Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute Field Redevelopment

In 2024, the Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO) submitted a letter of support to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) regarding discussions with the Toronto Scottish Rugby Football Club to provide Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute (LPCI) with a new, state-of-the-art sports field. LPRO was very pleased when this partnership was announced—a true win-win for both students and the broader community.

The news in June that the new field design no longer included a 400-metre track was unexpected. We are encouraged to learn that the Lawrence Park CI Parent Council and the TDSB are now working collaboratively to reinstate the track, which holds great value for both students and the community.

As the neighbourhood residents' organization, we have been contacted by several residents living adjacent to the school property who have raised legitimate concerns that merit careful consideration as the field design is finalized:

1. Event Scale and Neighbourhood Impact

While the new field will be suitable for professional and international-level competitions, residents seek assurance that the TDSB will not grant permits for large-scale events that could disrupt the neighbourhood. Their primary concerns relate to noise, lighting, expansion of bleachers, and traffic or parking impacts.

2. Environmental Protection

Residents are also concerned that the embankment and the trees on the west side of the site be preserved and protected, regardless of the final design or field dimensions.

We respectfully ask that the TDSB address these reasonable concerns and ensure that the immediate neighbourhood is not negatively affected by this important project, which promises significant benefits for the community.

Sincerely,

Maureen Kapral, President Lytton Park Residents' Organization