

**Subject: Amendments to O. Reg.412/00-Ward Boundary Changes for the City of Toronto and Requirement to Re-Calculate Trustee Distribution/Modifications au Règlement de l'Ontario 412/00 – Changement des limites des quartiers électoraux de la cité d**

**To:** Directors of Education in Toronto School Boards

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I am writing to inform you of proposed changes to the municipal ward boundaries in the City of Toronto that have implications for the distribution of your school board's trustee positions for the October 22, 2018, election.

Today, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced proposed amendments to the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* that would, if passed, reduce the number of proposed municipal wards in the City of Toronto from 47 to 25 and extend the nomination deadline. The proposed changes are intended to improve the governance and efficiency of the City of Toronto by aligning municipal ward boundaries with current provincial electoral districts. Should the legislation pass, the new ward boundaries would be in effect for the 2018 municipal election.

These changes would not affect the number of trustees for school boards with jurisdiction in the City of Toronto: the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire Viamonde and Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir. However, these changes would impact the distribution of trustee positions on these boards.

To ensure that trustee nomination and election processes run as efficiently as possible, complementary amendments have been made to Ontario Regulation 412/00 - Election to and Representation on District School Boards, under the *Education Act*. These changes will ensure that your board is able to re-distribute its trustee positions according to the new ward boundaries. The changes are summarized below:

- **By Tuesday, August 7, 2018**, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) must develop new Population of the Electoral Group (PEG) reports for the purposes of re-distribution and provide your board with a new report.
- **By Tuesday, August 14, 2018**, your board should re-distribute its trustee seats according to the proposed municipal boundaries and notify the Minister that this has been done.
- **By Friday, August 17, 2018**, the Minister will re-distribute boards' trustee positions if boards do not complete the re-distribution or fail to provide notification to the Minister by August 14, 2018.
- **By Friday, August 17, 2018**, boards must provide a copy of their re-distribution report and a copy of the data and calculations by which the distribution was made to the Minister, the school board election clerk for the City of Toronto, and the secretary of every school board with jurisdiction in the City of Toronto. If boards do not complete their re-distribution by August 14, these reports and data calculations will be shared with the parties above by the ministry on August 17.

Due to the compressed timeline for this change in the City of Toronto, for the 2018 election only, there is no right to appeal trustee distributions to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. If passed, the proposed changes would extend the deadline for filing a nomination for a municipal or trustee candidate **to September 14, 2018**. The October 22, 2018, election date would not change. Trustee candidates in the City of Toronto may be required to re-file their nomination papers. Candidates are encouraged to contact the school board election clerk for the City of Toronto for more information.

I encourage your board to make use of the Trustee Determination and Distribution Calculator provided by the Ontario Education Services Corporation to complete its re-distribution calculations. The calculator can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.oesc-cseo.org/en-ca/Pages/TrusteeCalculator.aspx>

As is the case with the current trustee determination and distribution process, school board ward boundaries can combine but not split municipal wards. Please provide notification to the ministry that your board has completed its re-distribution by email to [LDB-DDL@ontario.ca](mailto:LDB-DDL@ontario.ca) by **11:59 p.m. on August 14, 2018**.

Should the proposed amendments to the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* not pass, the distribution calculations made by your board in March 2018 would stand.

I trust that you will share this with the Board of Trustees and work with them to meet these requirements under the timelines provided. I am sensitive to the fact that the timelines for these changes are tight and recognize that your board may have to make special meeting arrangements to approve the re-distribution. I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or require assistance with your calculations, please feel free to contact the office of the Director of the Leadership, Collaboration and Governance Branch at (416) 325-2623.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Rodrigues  
Deputy Minister of Education