

Toronto District School Board  
Chair of the Board, Trustee Robin Pilkey  
Ward 7, Parkdale-High Park  
5050 Yonge Street  
Toronto, ON  
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May 31, 2019

***RE: CADDRA and CADDAC letter to the Toronto District School Board's Finance, Budget and Enrollment Committee regarding funding cuts to support services - psychology staff***

*Written on behalf of CADDRA - Canadian ADHD Resource Alliance, a non-profit alliance of medical and healthcare professionals treating ADHD, and our sister organization, the Centre for ADHD Awareness, Canada (CADDAC), a non-profit organization committed to the support of individuals with ADHD and their families.*

Dear Chair of the Board, Trustee Robin Pilkey,

The Ontario Ministry of Education's cuts in funding to the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will have negative impacts on the quality of education and level of support services for students living with ADHD.

The reduction of psychology staff at TDSB from 138 to 128 leaves some of the most vulnerable students without adequate support to navigate their way through their education.

Psychotherapeutic services are an essential component to student success and the overall health of our schools. The success of a student with ADHD depends on the training and skill set of their teachers and support staff. In turn, teachers require the support of TDSB psychology staff for psychoeducational, mental health assessments, and crisis interventions.

The magnitude of these cuts will make it even more difficult for students to obtain school-based psychological and psychoeducational assessments and will have critical implications for students who have undiagnosed neurodevelopmental disorders and those who are diagnosed with ADHD.

CADDRA and CADDAC strongly oppose these cost-cutting measures implemented by the Toronto District School Board. For students with ADHD, prompt access to psychological assessments and support allows them to better meet their potential and contribute to society in a meaningful way.



Yours truly,

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Doron Almagor MD FRCPC  
Chair, CADDRA Board

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Joan Flood MD CFPC  
Chair, CADDRA Advocacy

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Heidi Bernhardt RN  
President, CADDAC