

Friends of NTCI
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November 14, 2003

Ms. Sheila Penny
Executive Superintendent, Facility Services
Toronto District School Board
5050 Yonge Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Penny:

We are writing on behalf of over 600 North Toronto Collegiate alumni, former staff, parents and community members whose names are listed on Schedule A. We are all deeply concerned about the proposal to “redevelop” North Toronto Collegiate by demolishing the school, selling off part of the land to a private condominium developer and using the proceeds to build a new smaller school. This proposal is radical and unprecedented and must not proceed further without an informed, vigorous public debate of all possible alternatives.

The land on which North Toronto Collegiate is situated was given to the public school board for the benefit of the school and the community. It should not be sold to private developers. You have suggested that, given current budgetary constraints, the school board needs to adopt creative solutions to improve its schools. We agree. However, selling school land to private developers is not a creative solution. It is an easy, short-sighted solution that will provide a quick profit for the board but ultimately be detrimental to the school and the community.

Many other schools beyond North Toronto Collegiate also sit on prime real estate. Is the school board’s plan to sell off other school land to private developers? Examples of schools with land that would be “ripe” for private development include John Fisher Public School, Northern Secondary School, Lawrence Park Collegiate, Parkdale Collegiate, Bloor Collegiate and Central Technical School.

Currently, North Toronto Collegiate’s land and building design create a separate campus in the burgeoning Yonge-Eglinton area. Students are part of a safe, separate community in which they can learn, socialize and explore extra-curricular pursuits without being in the way of people who live and carry on business nearby. Under the proposal, the school will be surrounded by three 24-30 storey condominium towers. Other than the playing field, there will be almost no other outside space for students and the community. In addition, the new building will be substantially smaller and have less room for future expansion. The new building will also lack the prominence and character of the existing building.

The school board has already committed \$14 million for capital improvements at North Toronto Collegiate. You have indicated publicly that it would cost \$16-18 million “to fully renovate” the existing school. Although the \$14 million already committed would not cover this entire cost, it would undoubtedly make a substantial improvement. Other sources of funding should be explored to make further improvements to the building without selling off the school’s land. Indeed, many secondary schools in Toronto have been renovated and rebuilt without private development, including Riverdale Collegiate, Earl Haig Secondary School, Harbord Collegiate, East York Collegiate, and Forest Hill Collegiate.

North Toronto Collegiate has been a community landmark for over 90 years. NOW Magazine recently identified it as one of ten buildings in Toronto worth saving. The school is a magnet for students and parents from all over the city who appreciate the school's long tradition of high academic standards and excellence in music, athletics, student leadership, and extra-curricular activities.

The new provincial government is committed to reviewing the education funding formula to ensure that school boards have adequate resources to repair, renovate and rebuild aging schools. Indeed, the new government has established a Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal to support the revitalization of schools and other public institutions. The TDSB supervisor has been terminated and the school trustees elected on November 10th will begin to take over administration of the school board after December 1st. Given all of these recent developments, now is not the time to race ahead with this proposal.

There are serious flaws in the process that led to this decision. There was no consultation with the community before the plan to demolish the school was announced. Nor has there been any discussion of alternatives. The school board claims that there is support for this proposal. However, given the lack of consultation and the fact that there has been no discussion of alternatives, this claim has no credibility.

Before this proposal proceeds further, we urge you to ensure that there is a full, public discussion of all possible alternatives. This issue has enormous implications for the local community and for public schools all across Ontario. It deserves a full and open debate.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

Breese Davies ('91)

(Signed)

Andy Georgiades ('92)

(Signed)

Cornell Wright ('92)

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Schedule A

Friends of NTCI

Name		Graduating Class
Barbara	Adams (Hopp)	61
Susie	Adelson	
Sandy	Adelson	95
Raseema	Alam	
Anthony	Alexiou	95
D. Peter	Allison	59
Sophie	Altosaar (Lafleur)	89
John	Amesbury	55
Nikki	Anden	91
Mark	Anden	88
Helena	Andersen	
Kate	Anderson	02
Alison	Appleyard (Rutledge)	60
Mike	Arlitt	95
Gillian	Armstrong Roswell	90
Sarah	Asals	92
Carina	Attwood	91
Jamie	Attwood	89
Connie	Avramis	96
Douglas	Bailey	63
Solveig	Barber (Hvidstem)	65
Ken	Barclay	60
Anne	Barett (Layton)	60
Rob	Barrass	00
Jessie	Barrie	93
Donna	Bartlam (Hennessey)	68
Sally	Bates (Young)	52
Olivia	Batt	
Andrew	Bell	76
Catherine	Bick Brown	61
Jeff	Biggar	92
Matthew	Biggar	91
Natalie	Biggar	93
Anthony	Biggar	90
Veronica	Biggar	88
Anouk	Bikkers	88
Lindsay	Bissett	93
Lauren	Blankstein	89
Helen	Bobkin Cohen	68
Dr. Jelena	Bogdanovich	95
Dr. Vladimir	Bogdanovich	97
Dr. Ljubinka	Bogdanovich	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
Mr. Zlatko	Bogdanovich	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
Jalynn	Bosley	92
Barry	Bowerman	67

Name		Graduating Class
Kristine	Bowyer	89
Philip	Brace	88
Roberta	Brangam	69
Kristin	Broadhead	92
Jacqueline	Brookes (Lawson)	56
Amy	Brown	93
Drew	Brown	89
Sheila	Browne (McCullough)	50
Gregory	Bryce	65
Sarah	Buddo	93
Elaine	Burbridge (King)	59
Jim	Burnick	85
Paul	Burnick	
Marjorie	Burnick	
Adrienne	Burnick	
James	Burnick	
David	Burnick	
Kristen	Butler	97
Stephen	Caldwell	73
Katherine	Campbell	
Anne	Careless	99
Dr. Anthony	Careless	62
Philip	Careless	97
Jill	Careless	95
Dr. J.M.S.	Careless, OC, FRSC	32
John S.H.	Carriere	66
John	Carter	(Head of Math '84-'99)
Sue	Cassling	72
Nicola	Cernik	98
Kathy	Chan	
Matthew	Charles	95
Zee Hua	Cheng	90
Peter	Choi	95
Thomas	Choi	95
Laureen	Choi	93
Norman	Chu	88
Aichin	Chung	95
Kalan	Chung	99
Corbin	Church	94
David	Clark	59
Stanley	Clark	51 (NTCI staff '55-'60)
Captain Michael	Clarry	82
Frances	Clee (Maclean)	45
Martha	Climenhaga	92
Rachel	Climenhaga	00
David	Coleman	89
Matthew	Colledge	92
Jim	Colley	79
Ben	Cook	02
Amanda	Cooke	96

Name		Graduating Class
Marc	Cooper	89
Gary	Cooper	(Parent of NTCI graduate)
Dan	Cootolantonio	
Annette	Cootolantonio	
Aphra	Corcoran	92
Daphne	Craig	91
Douglas	Crane	90
Eveline	Crane (Clarke)	61
Peter	Cranston	45
Dr. Charles	Cunningham	
Kim	Currie	90
Lesley	Daniels (Alexander)	95
Breese	Davies	91
Gordon	Davies	53
John	Dawe	60
Lawrence P.	Dawe	55
Noelle	de la Mothe (Man)	91
Dr. Misao (Missy)	Dean	75
Amanda J.	Dean	73
Ann P.	Deluce (Larkin)	67
Nina	Dempsey (Kasalica)	91
Melinda	Derrick	77
Marylin	deVerteuil (Young)	52
Linda	Diab	94
Chris	Dimas	93
Sophie	Dimas	92
Milos	Divic	83
Akuyo	Dogbe	92
Steve	Donald	69
Russ	Donaldson	56
Tony	Donia	
Terence	Doran, M.D.	46
Kristine	Douglas (Newby)	92
Adrienne	Down	91
Garth H.	Drabinsky	67
Janet	Drever	94
Liz	Driver	69
Gonzalo	Duarte	
Gerald	Dunlevie	(NTCI staff '71-'88, Vice Principal)
Gary G.	Dunn	57
Marilyn	Duplacey (Johns)	70
Cathie	Dutton	83
Brena	Eckler Taylor	74
Scott	Ellis	90
Julia	Emanuele	02
Nelson	Eng	92
Philip	Epstein, Q.C.	60
Katharine	Evans	
Caroline	Evans	91
Jason	Fabro	93

Name		Graduating Class
Andrea	Fairweather	84
Tara	Fakhoury	
James	Farr	87
Robert T.	Ferrier	48
David	Feys	85
Robert	Field	59
Mike	Filey	61
Phyllis	Firestone Wintraub	59
John	Fleck	83
Emma	Fletcher	94
Adrian	Flores	
David	Ford	(NTCI staff '66-'96, Head of Music)
John	Fox	
Frank	Fox	
Claudine	Fox	
Robert G.	Franks	
Wendy	Franks	96
Doug	Fraser	62
Pam	Fraser	72
Myrna	Freedman	57
Dan	Gajewki	95
Ken	Galbraith	57
Howard	Galin	69
Mary Lynn	Gallagher-Kyte	76
Patricia	Gallant (Bird)	82
Elizabeth	Galway	92
Gina	Galway	
Evan	Georgiades	87
Andy	Georgiades	92
Helen	Gibson	(NTCI staff '71-'96)
Tim	Gibson	(NTCI staff '61-'96)
Janice I.	Gillespie	65
Judie	Goldstein (Caplan)	54
Jean	Goodier	(Head of Biology '81-'87, Vice Principal '95)
Anne	Goodman, PhD.	(Parent of NTCI graduate)
Chris	Gosnell	87
Eunice	Graham	(Parent of NTCI graduate)
Tom	Grant	45
Jessica	Grant	87
Alex	Grenzebach	61
David	Gresham	92
Andrew	Grieve	
Michael	Grosse	53
Leah	Hagreen	99
Chris	Hambley	92
Austin	Hamilton	66
Andy	Harjula	63
Piper	Harris	92
C. Roland	Harris	67
Robert	Harrison	

Name		Graduating Class
Graeme	Hartlen	93
Ron	Hartlen	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
Rebecca	Hartlen	90
Liz	Harvey (Doherty)	75
Dr. Jen	Harvie	93
Ben	Hawkins	81
Dan	Hawkins	90
Thomas H.	Hawks	73
Dr. Gordon H.	Hawks, MD	35
Paul	Heenan	67
Liz	Heenan	75
Jean	Heenan Murray	77
Zarin	Henderson	02
Stephanie	Herbert (White)	85
Michael	Hersh	96
Sheila	Heti	93
Andrea	Hicks	83
Mark	Higginbottom	96
Bruce	Higginbottom	63
Katherine	Hill	75
Elaine	Hill	(Retired NTCI staff)
John	Hill	(Retired NTCI staff)
Alex	Hogan	83
Chris	Holz	93
Christopher	Holz	92
Douglas H.	Hopp	64
Marilyn	Hopp	66
C. Lawrence	House	58
Henry	Howard	65
Agnes	Hsu	93
Christy	Hsu	94
Alan	Hsu	98
Che-Wei	Hsu	92
Kelly	Hull (Bainard)	93
Nancy	Huntley (Coventry)	64
Andrew	Hurst	88
Vivian	Ip	89
Beth	Ireland	92
Larry	Iron	54
Geoff	Iwamoto	74
Adam	Jakubek	93
Bill	Jamieson	44
Marc	Jamieson	84
Glenn	Jamison	91
Karin	Jamison (Paulson)	91
Lucia	Jenkins	81
Carol	Jenkins	76
John C.	Jenkins, MD	(Parent of 6 NTCI graduates)
John	Jenkins, MD	71
Margot	Jewell (Davidson)	72

Name		Graduating Class
Catherine Bernice	Jolly (Chapman)	46
D'Alton Benness	Jolly (Chapman)	43
Jim	Jones	(Former NTCI staff)
Dennis	Jordan	94
Tara	Joyce	00
Terra	Jung	91
Charlotte	Kanya-Forstner	92
Jane	Kanya-Forstner	
A.S.	Kanya-Forstner	
Nick	Kanya-Forstner	84
Peter G.	Karalis	85
George	Karanicolas	
Helen	Karanicolas	
Eric	Katz	83
Edda	Katz Gering	63
Kim	Kawaguchi	79
Erik	Kearney-Volpe	00
Alex	Kee	
Benjamin Peter	Keevil	66
Anthony	Kellner	87
Marc	Kemerer	82
Paul	Kemerer	84
Natalie	Kemerer	88
Peter	Kemerer	47
Marc	Kemerer	83
Meren	Kennedy	93
Jane	Kennedy	(NTCI staff '68-'00)
Carolyn	Kennedy (Born)	68
Lyn	Kerruish	60
Andrea	Kerton	91
Daryn	Kilfoyle	92
Anne	Kim	91
Robert	Kincaide	69
James	King	96
Christina	Kish	99
Scott	Kittredge	94
Nadia	Koltun	68
Lily	Koltun	69
Walter	Koltun	73
Genevieve	Korman	92
Kristina	Korogyi	
Mong-Sia	Kouay	
Wally	Kozak	67
Karen	Kruger	85
Peter	Kukk	62
Viktors	Kulneiks	96
Sanjoy	Kundu	
Lenny	Lacome	73
Dana	Lafarga	79
John	Laflair	(Retired NTCI staff)

Name		Graduating Class
Marc	Lafleur	91
Joyce	Lai	91
Vinh	Lam	92
Than	Lam	
Nancy	Leach	65
Diane	Leal	
Michael	Leatch	83
Dr. James	Leatch	73
Damienne	Lebrun-Reid	92
Alan	Lee	94
Sam	Lee	90
Tahti	Leesment	
Diane	Letsche	59
Jeremy	Levitt	87
David	Leymann	
Sandy	Liao	
Catherine	Liepins	93
Robert	Lightfoot	(NTCI staff '56-'87)
Robert	Lilley	88
Edward R.L.	Lounsbury	87
Donna	Lowry	59
Marja	Luik Soots	57
Prof. David Paul	Lumsden	62
Chi Phong	Luong	
Aubray	Lynas	95
Stephen	Mabee	60
H. Ian	Macdonald	48
Jenny	Macdonald	92
Mary	MacDonald (Fraser)	70
Susan	Mackinnon	83
Doug	MacLeod	48
Nora	Macnee	75
Sherry	Madera	92
Jonathan	Maguire	93
Pat	Malone (Kirkwood)	59
Michelle	Man	94
Jason Dietz	Marchant	92
James	Marchese	92
Jason	Marcovitch	98
Vaso	Maric	92
Margaret	Marshell Slaght	63
Rod	Martyn	51
Katharine (Kay)	Martyn (Lehmann)	56
Richard	Mascall	91
Don	Mason	66
Andrea	Massey	95
Karen	McCauley (Johnson)	84
Rachel	McClellan	93
Sheila	McCutcheon (Cooper)	79
Jordy	McIntyre	92

Name		Graduating Class
William	McKendry	92
Sophie	McKenna	91
Shawna	McLaughlin	92
Catherine	McPherson (Cunningham)	82
Neil	Mendes	91
Snezana	Meyers	(Parent)
Kathy	Mezei	
Tristan	Michela	89
Hrire	Mikaelian	92
Chris	Miller	64
Sarah	Miller	92
Sandy	Mills	
Cathy	Milne	85
Sharon	Mizrahi	95
Maryam	Mojgani	95
Robert	Montgomery	55
Anthony R.	Moore	63
Jack	Moore	61
John H.	Moritsugu	74
Allan	Morrison	49
Ann	Mortimer (Goulding)	52
David	Moscoe	56
Robert T.	Munns	51
Pearse	Murray	
John P.	Murray, P. Eng.	53
Nana	Nakajima	95
Nina	Nakajima	93
Penny	Naldrett	85
Leah	Napier	95
Barry	Napier	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
Cristin	Napier	97
Robin	Nesbitt	03
Victoria	Newland	87
Leslie	Newman	80
Kerry L.	Newman	82
Blair	Newman	(Parent of NTCI graduate)
K.	Newman	(Parent of NTCI graduate)
Hilary	Newman	88
Linda	Ng (Wing Man)	95
John	Nishio	80
Mary	Nishio	77
Amy	Nishio	81
Dr. Lea	Nogueira	96
Linsey	Noguiera	98
George (Max)	Nohel	79
Nancy	Nourse	70
Tobias	Nussbaum	88
Siobhan	O'Connor	88
Meg	Ogden	89
Gretta	Ogden	(Parent of NTCI graduate)

Name		Graduating Class
Will	Ogden	(Parent of NTCI graduate)
Alan F.	Ogilvie	55
Andrew	Ogilvie	90
Michael	Opara	75
Alice	Ordean	91
Laura	Orviss	93
Drew	Osborne	99
Desmond	Ottley	(NTCI staff '71-'92)
Lindsay	Page	93
Nicole	Papadopoulos	91
Megan	Parker	96
Alyson	Parker	92
Richard H.	Parker, Q.C.	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
Louise	Partridge (Clifton)	71
David	Patterson	95
Susan	Patterson	77
Charlene	Pattillo (Williams)	95
Helena	Pavlovich	88
Pauline	Pavlovich	94
Brian	Peacock	65
Wes	Peaker	49
Stan	Pearl	62
Brian	Pearson	84
Mike	Pelletier	98
Lisa	Pen	82
Heather	Pickersgill	92
Jessica	Porter (Rothbart)	91
Tammy	Presnal Jennings	82
Barb	Prevedello	88
Ronald R.	Price	51
Alice	Prodanou	94
Andrea	Prodanou	99
Anna	Prodanou	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
George	Prodanou	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
Justin	Quigg	95
Joel	Rabel	96
Gabe	Radford	93
Jeannette	Radzick	91
Sina	Rahmani	02
Amy	Rankin	00
Henry	Rappaport	69
Lynn	Reynolds	61
Kate	Richards	93
Peter	Ricketts	66
Fred L.	Ridding	56
Michael	Riley	89
Fintan	Robb	
Nicola C.	Robbie	78
Paul	Robbins	87
Louise	Robson (Grove-White)	81

Name		Graduating Class
Karina	Roman	92
Frauka	Roman	61
Joseph	Rosenthal	53
Sam	Rosenthal	85
James	Ross	83
Jim	Rowney	53
Janet	Russell	81
Kathy	Russell (Gallagher)	76
Marylin	Sager (Bilton)	72
Stuart	Salter	61
Ben	Salvarinas	87
John	Sanderson	96
Amanda	Santo	97
Bruce	Sapsford	57
Nancy	Saunders	95
Karen	Saunders	94
David	Schwartz	92
Joan M.	Schwartz	69
Geoffrey	Scott	83
Douglas	Scott	86
Vanessa	Scott	99
Rosemary	Scott	
Joan	Scott-Grosse (Morrison)	53
Rachada	Settazongson	
Mike	Shackleton	78
Rachel	Shantz	87
John	Sharp	74
Ross L.	Shaver	42
Susan	Shaw	81
Florence	Shaw	98
Jennifer	Shearson	85
James	Shimoda	94
Claire	Shragge (Johns)	64
Sue	Sim	95
Jean	Sim	94
Lena	Sim	90
Amy	Sim	00
Mark	Sim	
Michael	Simon	
Anjali	Singh	
Cathy	Singleton	71
Paul	Singleton	71
Alec	Singleton	00
Matthew	Singleton	02
Kristen	Sixt	83
Jim	Skeaff	59
Ronald	Slaght	62
Heather	Smith	92
Mike	Smith	02
Barry G.	Smith	59

Name		Graduating Class
Richard	Sniderman	69
Reyhan	Sofraci	96
Abigail	Sone	96
Eli	Sone	94
Jacob	Sone	99
Roberta	Spence	82
Robin	Spratt	00
Susan	Spratt	02
Andrew	Stafl	82
Tristana	Stein	91
Susan	Stephen	58
Jim	Stewart	65
Gord	Stewart	67
Alex	Stogianou	76
Jane	Straub (Macklin)	47
Jocelyn	Strutt (Nyholt)	96
Nancy	Sutherland	61
Elizabeth	Swash (Franks)	45
Siobhan	Sweeney	99
Peter	Tams	59
Steve	Tang	
Patricia	Tang	
Elizabeth	Tang	
Lisa	Tannock, MD	88
Sherman	Taylor	43
George	Terrett	(NTCI staff '69-'00)
Jo	Thiessen (Leech)	96
Andrew	Thompson	96
Andy	Thomson	83
Patrick	Thorburn	87
Mark	Thorburn	
Norm	Thurston	64
Andrew	Tile	86
Adam	Titcombe	00
Gavin	Tong	95
Megan	Tong	92
Mark	Trenton	83
John H.	Trethewey	58
Terry	Triskan	76
Karen	Truan	
Catherine	Trueman	92
Patty	Tse	92
Margaret	Tsuji	95
Susan	Van Allen	66
Monique	Van Remortel	85
Daniela	Veljkovic	94
Nela	Veljkovic	96
Peter	Vincent	65
Kaija	Vogel	94
Allison	Vuchnich	89

Name		Graduating Class
Meredith	Vuchnich	87
Angela	Vuchnich	(Parent of 3 NTCI graduates)
Michael	Vuchnich	(Parent of 3 NTCI graduates)
Ross	Wainwright	85
Ian	Waldron	(NTCI staff '79-'01, Vice Principal)
Linda	Walsh Casas	68
Richard	Wan	92
Cindy	Wan	96
Patricia	Wan	86
Katherine	Wan	
Kenneth	Wan	
Jim	Warnock	62
Carole	Warnock (Rollaston)	62
Stephanie	Warnock (Shaw)	77
Charlotte	Warren	92
Ralph	Warren	55
Peter	Warren	89
John	Warrener	67
Elizabeth	Warrener (Mary Baillie)	67
Sandra	Waters	64
Judie	Waters	68
David C.	Watson	52
Joie	Watters (Barnard)	59
Kate	Wawrychuk (Fry)	55
Adrienne	Webb	93
Tim	Welsh	89
Emily	Wesson	96
John	Wevers	65
Muriel	Whaley (Keeling)	45
Stephanie	White	96
Micky	Whylie (Proleta)	68
Hugh	Wilkins	87
Vanessa	Wilkinson	94
Jean	Williams (Oswald)	58
David	Winch	74
Susan Sareh	Wodlinger	62
Joan	Wodlinger	66
Alexandra	Wong	95
Rita	Wong	75
Judy	Wong	79
Arthur	Worthington	69
Janet	Wright	69
Cornell	Wright	92
Colin	Wright	
Andrew	Wright	99
Stephen	Wright	
Curley	Wright	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
John	Wright	(Parent of 2 NTCI graduates)
Ventura	Wu	96
Ventura	Wu	96

Name		Graduating Class
Jean	Wulkan	59
Pippa	Wysong	79
Hannah	Yang	96
Allen	Yi	95
Annie	Yi	97
George	Young	60
Gerald	Zarnett	62
Jim	Zaryski	(NTCI staff '69-'72)
Elizabeth	Zukorsky (Matula)	66
Anthony	Zuppinger	91