Toronto District School Board

Operational Procedure PR711

Title: **DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

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1.0 RATIONALE

This procedure is developed to support the Executive Signing Authority Policy (P082).

2.0 OBJECTIVE

To establish requirements and appropriate authority limits for the delegation of approval and signing authority and the process by which the delegation can be made.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Approval Authority – Power conferred on an employee, individual or group to commit the Board to a contract or a liability, or to take on a financial risk.

Signing Authority – Power conferred on an employee, individual or group to execute formal documents that commit the Board to a contract or a liability, or to take on financial risk.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITY

Director of Education

5.0 APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This procedure applies to the Board, all applicable employees, departments and community groups, and provides guidance to approval authority and signing authority in the areas outlined in Section 8.1 to 8.17 of this procedure.

6.0 PROCEDURES

- a) An individual with signing and approval authority could temporarily delegate their authority to another employee if he or she is unable to respond to requests for the signing or approval of documents for any reason. The temporary delegation must be communicated in writing to both the delegate and to the department supervisor, and must identify the time period and specific matter for which the delegation has been granted. The supervisor must review the temporary delegation if it exceeds 3 months. If the matter associated to the delegation exceeds 3 months, the time period for the delegation shall not exceed the life of the matter.
- b) The Tables presented in the appendices include lists of activities and transactions carried out by the Board with corresponding authorities assigned to various positions. If an activity is not covered in the Tables, the appropriate department head should be contacted for guidance.
- c) Should there be any subsequent increases to the original contract value; the approval for the cumulative increase must be consistent with the requirements outlined in the Delegation of Authority Limits Schedules outlined in the Appendices.

7.0 EVALUATION

This procedure will be reviewed as required, but at a minimum every four (4) years.

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Policies

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Purchasing Policy (P017)

Operational Procedures

Consulting Services (PR680)

Legislative Acts and Regulations

Education Act, R.S.O. 1990

8.0 Appendices - Approval & Delegation Authority Limits Schedule

8.1. Budget, Grants & Financial Reporting - School & Department Budgets & Board Financial Statements

Transaction/ Document Type	Individual Schools and Departments Budget - Allocation Approval	Budget Transfers	TDSB Year End Financial Statements and Management Report	Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC)
Authorization for:	Allocation of Budget to Individual Cost Centers	Transfers of Funds between Cost Centers	Approval and sign off of financial statements	Approval and sign off of TLC financial statements
Approval Authority Required	Finance, Budget & Enrolment Committee	Budget holder of Cost Center authorizing transfer to another cost center	TDSB Audit Committee and Board	TLC Audit Committee and TLC Board and TDSB Board
Signing Authority Required	Executive Officer, Finance and Comptroller or Assistant Comptroller of Financial Reporting and Planning; and Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Budget holder of Cost Center authorizing transfer to another cost center	Management report is signed by the Director of Education and Associate Director Financial Statements are signed by the Director and Chair of the Board	CEO of TLC and Chair of TLC
Records Retention (Location of Records)	Interim / Quarterly Budget Allocation Reports filed in Business Services Office	Budget Transfer Forms – Submitted to and filed in Business Services Office	TDSB Business Services Department	TDSB Business Services Department and TLC administration office

8.1. Budget, Grants & Financial Reporting - School & Department Budgets & Board Financial Statements

Transaction/ Document	Educational Partnership Other (EPO) Grants - Agreement	Other School-Level Grants (received by schools or school councils)
Туре		
Authorization for:	Receipt of Grants from the Ministry or other external parties	Receipt of Grants from the Ministry or other external parties
Approval Authority Required	Director of Education and Associate Director	Preauthorization from Business Services Department and School Administrator or School Council Executive depending on grant criteria and School Community
		and if the grant is part of an educational partnership, Business Development and Educational Partnership through the Partnership Information Management System (PIMS) process
Signing Authority Required	Director of Education and Associate Director	School Administrator or School Council Executive, depending on grant criteria
Records Retention (Location of Records)	Director's Office and Business Services Department	Local School Office and Automated Partnership Information Management System (PIMS) if the grant is part of an educational partnership

8.1. Budget, Grants & Financial Reporting - Budget pre-approval for Board purchases

Transaction/	Purchase of Furniture & Equipment
Document Type	(Non-instructional)
Authorization	Pre-approval of furniture & equipment
for:	purchases for school administrators and central department offices.
Area of Review	Quotes obtained from contracted vendors with
	assistance from the Purchasing department. To
	provide rationale for need and purchase orders.
\$ Threshold	None
Approval	Budget holder and
Authority Required	Immediate Supervisor and
	Executive Officer, Finance
	<u>or</u>
	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning
Signing	Budget holder and
Authority Required	Immediate Supervisor and
	Executive Officer, Finance
	<u>or</u>
	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning
Records	School or Central Department who
Retention	originated the order
(Location of Records)	

8.1. Budget, Grants & Financial Reporting - Annual actuarial, audit and insurance fees

Transaction/ Document Type	Long-Term Disability (LTD) Insurance, Actuarial fees and Audit fees
Authorization	Fees relating to long-term disability insurance
for:	Custodial and investment services relating to Board assets
	Annual year-end financial statement audit fees and actuarial fees
Area of Review	Approval of fees charged and services provided
\$ Threshold	None
Approval	Executive Officer, Finance
Authority Required	<u>or</u>
Required	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning
Signing	Executive Officer, Finance
Authority Required	<u>or</u>
	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning
Records Retention	Budget Department
(Location of Records)	

8.2 Business Development & Community Services

Transaction/ Document Type	Property Lease Agreements for Community Programs (Externally funded)	Contracts and Proposals to request funding from External Sources		
Authorization for:	Site leases for employment and settlement programs, where TDSB is the lessee.	New contracts or agreements (e.g. donations, grants or sponsorships) and renewals of existing contracts or agreements, to obtain funding from external sources in support of Board programs and initiatives.		
\$ Threshold	N/A	Under \$50,000	Over \$50,000	
Approval Authority Required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence or Executive Officer of Facility Services, Sustainability and Planning and Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services and Legal/Senior Legal/ General Counsel	Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services and Community Services Manager or Manager, Business Development and Executive Officer, Finance	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence andSenior Manager, Business Development & Community Services and Community Services Manager or Manager, Business Development	
Signing Authority Required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence or Executive Officer of Facility Services, Sustainability and Planning	Executive Officer, Finance	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	
Location of Records	Business Development & Community Services Dept.	Business Development & Community Services Dept.	Business Development & Community Services Dept.	

8.2 Business Development & Community Services

Document Type	Employee Discount Agreements	Approved Fundraising Vendor Agreement
Authorization for:	Agreements with vendors or external organizations for employee discounts, which generally involve revenues for the Board in exchange for vendor recognition or distribution of marketing materials on their behalf.	Agreements with vendors to be included in the TDSB Approved Fundraising Vendor Directory.
\$ Threshold	N/A	N/A
Approval Authority Required	Executive Officer, Finance; and Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services; or Manager of Business Development	Executive Officer, Finance; and Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services; or Manager of Business Development
Signing Authority Required	Executive Officer, Finance	Executive Officer, Finance
Location of Records	Business Development & Community Services Dept.	Business Development & Community Services Dept.

8.2 Business Development & Community Services

Transaction/ Document Type Authorization for:	Approval of Financial reports and External Audit reports on Community Services Program Expenditures Reports to be released to funders, such as Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD), as part of the reporting criteria.	Contracts to engage Guest speakers or Non-consulting service providers for training purposes Contracts to engage fee-for-service for community programs.	Employment Program Agreements - Community Services Programs Agreements with external employers relating to wage incentives or subsidies to community members, employee training, etc.	
Threshold	N/A	N/A	Under \$25,000	Over \$25,000
Approval Authority Required	Executive Officer, Finance and Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services and Community Services Manager	Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services and Community Services Manager	Supervisor, Community Services OR Coordinator, Community Services	Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services OR Manager, Community Services AND Coordinator, Community Services
Signing Authority Required	Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services	Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services and Community Services Manager	Supervisor, Community Services OR Coordinator, Community Services	Senior Manager, Business Development & Community Services OR Manager, Community Services
Records Retention (Location of Records)	Business Development & Community Services Dept.	Business Development & Community Services Dept. and Food Council of Ontario	Business Development & Community Services Dept.	Business Development & Community Services Dept.

8.3 Caring and Safe Schools

Transaction/ Document Type	Delegation of Authority regarding discipline by a Principal to a Vice Principal	Delegation of Authority regarding discipline by a Principal to a Teacher in Charge
Authorization for:	Delegation of Principal authority during absence of a Principal from the school. This delegation is subject to restrictions, limitations and conditions under section 300.1 of the Education Act.	Delegation of Principal authority during absence of a Principal and Vice Principal from the school. This delegation is subject to restrictions, limitations and conditions under section 300.1 of the Education Act.
Approval Authority Required	Principal	Principal
Signing Authority Required	Principal and Vice-Principal	Principal and Teacher in Charge
Records Retention (Location of Records)	Delegation of Authority Form (on the Caring and Safe Schools website) to be completed.	Delegation of Authority Form (on the Caring and Safe Schools website) to be completed.

8.4 Conferences and Professional Development

- This section refers to all business-related conferences relevant to the role of the employee.
- Out-of-province professional development shall only be considered if similar or equivalent training or conferences are not available in Ontario.
- Out-of-country professional development shall only be considered if similar or equivalent training or conferences are not available in Canada.
- Only value-added training that is directly related to the employee's job responsibilities shall be approved. Attending training solely for the purpose of self-enrichment, entertainment or recreation shall not be approved.

Pre-Conference Form (Prior to Conference Date):

	A	В	С
Document Type	In-Province Professional Developmen	t (PD) form:	Out-of-Province Professional Development (PD) form:
Pre- Approval for:	Principals, Vice-Principals, Executive Staff, Superintendents, Central Managers and Support Staff	All other teaching staff	All TDSB staff
Area of Review	Estimated expenses and immediate supervisor's approval signatures are reviewed. Available funding is checked and allowance balances are tracked for those in receipt of PD allowances. (Excess costs are to be paid by attendee)	Estimated expenses and staff coverage are reviewed.	Estimated expenses and immediate supervisor's approval signatures are reviewed. Available funding is checked and allowance balances are tracked for those in receipt of PD allowances. (Excess costs are to be paid by attendee)
Approval Authority Required	Executive Officer, Finance or Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning (For approval of budget availability only) and Immediate supervisor and Budget Holder (For approval of expense eligibility and permission to attend)	Principal	Executive Officer, Finance or Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning (For approval of budget availability only) and Immediate supervisor (For approval of expense eligibility and permission to attend) and Director of Education (For approval of expense eligibility and permission to attend)
Signing Authority Required	Executive Officer, Finance or Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning (For approval of budget availability only) and Immediate supervisor and Budget Holder (For approval of expense eligibility and permission to attend)	Principal	Executive Officer, Finance or Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning (For approval of budget availability only) and Immediate supervisor (For approval of expense eligibility and permission to attend)
Records Retention (Location of Records)	In the employee's school or department	In the employee's school or department	Once the form is signed off for funding approval, a copy is scanned and retained on the network drive and the original is forwarded to the Director's office for approval and flight arrangements.

8.4 Conferences and Professional Development

<u>Post-Conference Form (After Conference Date):</u>

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Document Type	In-Province Professional	Development (PD) form:	Out-of-Province Professional Development (PD) form:
Approval for Expense Reimbursement for:	Principals, Vice-Principals, Executive Staff, Superintendents, Central Managers and Support Staff	All other teaching staff (Staff not included in Column A)	All TDSB staff
Area of Review	Authorization for conference cost reimbursement based on review of original receipts and conference information provided.	Authorization for conference cost reimbursement based on review of original receipts and conference information provided.	Authorization for conference cost reimbursement based on review of original receipts and conference information provided.
\$ Threshold	None	None	None
Signing and Approval Authority Required	Immediate Supervisor and Budget Holder and One of the following: Executive Officer, Finance Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance Manager of Finance Manager/Supervisor of Accounts Payable	Principal and One of the following: Executive Officer, Finance Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance Manager of Finance Manager/Supervisor of Accounts Payable	Immediate Supervisor and Budget Holder and One of the following: Executive Officer, Finance Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance Manager of Finance Manager/Supervisor of Accounts Payable
Records Retention (Location of Records)	Business services department	Business services department	Business services department

8.5 Educational Programming Partnership Agreements

Central and School-based educational programming partnership agreements

Document Type	Educational Partnership Agreements and Contracts
Signature Type	Manual
(Manual or Electronic)	
Threshold	N/A
Approval Authority required	Proposal Review & Consultation Committee (as per PR667); includes Principal, Superintendent of Education, and lead staff designated for the partnership (if applicable). If exclusive space required, additional approval required from Central Accommodation Team As per Purchasing policy, single/sole source form for over \$10,000 to be completed before Educational Partnership Office finalizes draft agreement. Approval via Executive Council and/or Audit Committee and Board for agreements over \$50,000)
Signing Authority required	Executive Superintendent and Partner Signing Officer(s)
Records Retention	Partnership Information Management System [PIMS](Electronic)
(Location of Records)	7 years as per Records Management Guidelines (located in the Educational Partnership Office) 7 years as per Records Management Guidelines (located in the Partnership Information Management System [PIMS]) (Electronic)
Forms and Supporting Documents	Partnership Proposal Form, Initial/Partner Assessment Summary, Academic Assessment Summary, Operations Assessment Summary Single/Sole Source Form, if applicable Agreement (Memorandum of Understanding)

8.6 Capital Property – Dispositions and Acquisitions

Document Type Manual/Electronic	Disposition of Capital Property (Purchase & Sale Agreements) Manual	Acquisition of Capital Property Manual	Dispositions of interests in Real Property, such as Easements	Acquisition of interests in Real Property, such as Easements
Signature				
Threshold	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Approval Authority required	Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC) Board and TDSB Board	Board	Director of Education and Senior Legal Counsel or General Counsel	Director of Education and Senior Legal Counsel or General Counsel
Signing Authority required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence and CEO of TLC	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Director of Education	Director of Education
Location of Records	Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC)	Real Estate Dept.	Real Estate Dept.	Real Estate Dept.

8.6 Capital Property – Leases

Document Type	Property Lease Agreements (For Operating Schools)	Property Lease Agreements (For Non-Operating Schools)	*For agreements with activity period greater than 3 months only
Manual/Electronic Signature	Manual	Manual	Manual
Approval Authority required	Board	Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC)	Board
Signing Authority required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence or Executive Officer of Facility Services, Sustainability and Planning	CEO of Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC)	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence or Executive Officer of Facility Services, Sustainability and Planning
Location of Records	Real Estate Department	Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC)	TDSB Planning Dept.Real Estate Dept.

Document Type	Childcare Lease Agreements	Childcare Master Agreement
Manual/Electronic Signature	Manual	Manual
Approval Authority required	Legal Counsel or General Counsel and One of the following: Director of Education or Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence or Executive Officer of Facility Services, Sustainability and Planning	Board
Signing Authority required	Director of Education <u>or</u> Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence <u>Or</u> Executive Officer of Facility Services, Sustainability and Planning	Director of Education or Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence or Executive Officer of Facility Services, Sustainability and Planning
Location of Records	Real Estate Dept.	Real Estate Dept.

8.7 Employment Contracts, Collective Bargaining Agreements, Terms and Conditions of Employment

Document Type	Director of Education's Employment Contract	Associate Directors' Employment Contract and Terms	Senior Staff Employment Contracts	Employees' Employment Contracts
Staff Level	N/A	N/A	Senior Team	Schedule II, Principals <u>and</u> Vice- Principals
Approval Authority Required	Board	Board	Board	Executive Superintendent of Employee Services and Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence
Signing Authority Required	Chair and Vice- Chair	Director of Education	Associate Director or Director of Education	Executive Superintendent of Employee Services and Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence
Location of Records	Employee Services and Chair's Office	Employee Services	Employee Services	Employee Services

Document	Collective	Collective	Senior Staff Terms and	Employees' Terms and
Type	Bargaining	Agreements with	Conditions of	Conditions of Employment
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	of rigicement	(after ratification)		
		(anter ratification)		
Approval	Board	Board	Associate Director and	Executive Superintendent of
Authority	2000	2 our u	Director of Education	Employee Services
Required			Director of Education	Employee services
Required				and Associate Director of
				Operations and Service
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Signing	Senior	Chair and	Director of Education	Executive Superintendent of
Authority	Manager,			Employee Services
Required	Employee	Director of	<u>and</u>	Employee services
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	Negotiating	Associate	Superintendent of	Associate Director of Operations
	Team	Director and	Employee Services	and Service Excellence
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8.8 Facilities Services Contracts

Document Type	Contracts with General Contractors (Construction/ Capital Projects)	Contracts with Regulatory Authorities (e.g. ESA)	Contracts with Environmental Consultants	Contracts with Architectural and Design Consultants
Manual/Electronic Signature	Either	Manual	Either	Either
Threshold	See below	See below	See below	See below
Approval and Signing Authority required	Senior Manager or Executive Officer, Facilities Services, Sustainability and Planning or Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Senior Manager or Executive Officer, Facilities Services, Sustainability and Planning or Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Senior Manager or Executive Officer, Facilities Services, Sustainability and Planning or Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Senior Manager or Executive Officer, Facilities Services, Sustainability and Planning or Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence
Location of Records	Purchasing Office	Purchasing Office	Purchasing Office	Purchasing Office

Document	Facilities Services Contracts (Goods, non-Consulting services, Facilities Services –					
Type	construction/maintenance undertaken by Facilities Services) Consulting Contracts					
Threshold	\$50,000 to \$500,000	\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000	Over \$50,000		
Process	Report contracts to the Finance, Budget & Enrolment Committee	Presented to Board	Presented to Board	Presented to Board		
Approval Authority required	Director of Education Or designate	Finance, Budget & Enrolment Committee	Board	Board		
Comments	Manager of purchasing order. Approval requirements but is not limited to situ or facilities. The Direct meetings to approve cot approvals at the first sch	tor, in consultation with the ontracts during months where heduled Board meeting. eater than 1 year must be also	ot apply in the event of an elimminent damage to any of the appropriate stathere are no scheduled med	the creation of purchase emergency, which includes, f the Board's sites, properties nding committee may call		

8.8 Facilities Services Contracts

Document Type	Licenses (MTO)	Natural Gas/Utilities (Futures/ Market Pricing)	Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) Authority
Signature Type	Manual	Manual	Manual
Threshold	No threshold – annual expense of \$180K	Up to \$65 million per year	None
Approval Authority required	Executive Officer, Facilities Services, Sustainability and Planning and Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Board and Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence and Facilities and Urban Sustainability and Executive Officer, Finance and Executive Officer, Facilities Services, Sustainability and Planning	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence
Signing Authority required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Executive Officer, Finance; <u>or</u> Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence; or Executive Officer, Facilities Services, Sustainability and Planning	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence
Location of Records	Purchasing Office	Office of the Associate Director, Finance & Operations; and Plant Operations - Utilities Administration Office; and Business Services and Purchasing Division Office	Plant Operations – Central Services
Comments	Single Source approval process is used.	Base contracts for sale and purchase of natural gas, electricity and Enbridge election for gas transportation service contracts require signature of the Associate Director, Finance & Operations; Load balancing natural gas transaction confirmation requires the signature of the Utilities Monitoring Coordinator.	Updated when Associate Director changes using MTO form

8.9 Finance and Banking – Banking Contracts

Document Type	Board Banking Agreement	Board Banking Signatory	Banking – Issue cheque payments and EFT Payments	Bank Deposits
Signature Type	Manual	Online	Electronic	Electronic
Threshold	None	None - All require approval	None	No Limit
Approval Authority Required	Board	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence or Executive Officer, Finance	Accounts Payable Supervisor or Manager of Finance	No approvals required. If required – Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance
Signing Authority Required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	2 of the Signing Officers: Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence Executive Officer, Finance Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller, Financial Reporting and Planning Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller/Finance	Director of Education and Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Request for Deposit form for cheque deposits to be signed by the staff member requesting the deposit, No signing authority required for electronic funds transfer
Additional Comments		Transaction is done online via financial institution by the Assistant Manager of Finance	For payment of goods and services obtained through Board procurement processes. Segregation of duties exists between vendor set up, authorization of expense payment and processing of payment.	Segregation of duties exists between recording, depositing and invoicing of funds.

8.9 Finance and Banking

Invoicing For:	Cash flow projections and Request of Funds Letter to the City of Toronto	Issuance of Letter of Credit / Credit Application form
Signature Type	Manual	Manual
Approval Authority Required	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance and Manager of Finance or Assistant Manager of Finance	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance and Manager of Finance or Assistant Manager of Finance and Executive Officer, Finance
Signing Authority Required	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance

	Invoicing Revenue					
Invoicing For:	Childcare, Exclusive Use – Permits, Pools	Facilities Services invoices	Employee Secondments, Federations	Stage 1 fee, Invoices related to Solar contract		
Signature Type	Manual	Manual	Manual	Manual		
Approval Authority Required	Real Estate Manager	Facilities services - Senior Manager and Executive Officer, Finance	Senior Manager, Employee Services	Executive Officer, Finance		
Signing Authority Required	Budget holder	Facilities Services - Senior Manager	Senior Manager, Employee Services	Executive Officer, Finance		
Additional Comments	Assistant Manager of Finance or Revenue and Collections Analyst reviews documents and budget holder sign-off, then initials for invoice processing if documents and sign-offs are complete.					

8.9 Finance and Banking – Purchase Card Agreement and Limits

Document / Transaction Type	Purchase Card – Program Agreement Contract		Payment	Purchase Card Corporate Payment (Automatic withdrawal of funds)		Purchase Card Issuance and changes to limits (up to maximum thresholds below)	
Threshold	N/A		No mont	hly limit		N/A	
Approval Authority required	Board		Manager	Manager of Finance		Supervisor and cost center budget holder of the employee requesting Purchase card	
Signing Authority required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence		Manager	Manager of Finance		Supervisor and cost center budget holder of the employee requesting Purchase card to sign p-card request form.	
Records Retention (Location of Records)	Duration of A years	Duration of Agreement plus 6 6 years plus current year (Business Services)			-	forms are filed in the department.	
Document 7	Гуре	Purchase Card – Cardholder Transac		action Lin	nits		
Employee 7	Гуре	Transaction Limit	Monthly Limit *	Signing Authority Required	Approval Records Authority Retention (Location of		Retention
Vice-Principals, Cent	Superintendents, Principals, Vice-Principals, Central Department Managers, District- Wide Coordinators		\$5,000	Cardholder and Cardholder's	Immediate Supervisor or Manager or cost center		Purchase card statements and accompanying invoices and
Academic Department Office Administrator Administrative Assis Executive Assistants Chairpersons, Advisor Coordinators/Consult Program & Team Lea	s, tants, ors, tants/	\$1,000	\$5,000	supervisor (at least one level higher)	central are re departments) years school and Recorretair Superintendent departments		original receipts are retained for 6 years + current school year. Records are to be retained with the department or school that has
School Librarians (to allow for semi-annual bulk purchases)		\$2,500	\$10,000		budget holder incu	incurred the expense.	
Teachers (unique program needs), Other Approved Staff		\$500	\$1,000		staff)		
Head Caretakers		\$100	\$200	FTL or Caretaking team leader			
Tradespersons		\$500	\$4,000	Project Supervisor or Maintenance Team Leader			

^{*} Annual Transaction Limits for each cardholder are calculated based on the monthly limit multiplied by 12 months.

8.9 Finance & Banking - Other

Document Type	Petty Cash Allotment and SAP Account Set up	Petty Cash – School Level Purchases
Signature Type	Manual	Manual
Threshold	\$3,000 for elementary and \$5,000 for secondary or central	\$500 (maximum) per purchase
Approval Authority Required	Accounts Payable Manager/Supervisor Changes to petty cash allotment to be approved by Assistant Comptroller of Finance or Manager of Finance	Principal
Signing Authority Required	Budget holder	2 signatures from authorized signing officers (Principal, VP or Office Admin)

Document Type	School Generated Funds Bank Account	School Generated Funds Bank Account	
	(Non-Board Funds Bank Account Signatory)	(School Council Bank Account Signatory)	
Signature Type	Manual	Manual	
Threshold	N/A	N/A	
Approval Authority for Budgeting and Spending	Principal with input from school staff and school Community	Principal and School Council with input from school staff and school Community	
Signing Authority Required	At least 2 of the following: Principal*	At least 2 of the following: Principal*	
	and	School Council Chair	
	Vice Principal or	School Council Co-Chair	
	Office Administrator or	School Council Treasurer	
	Person of Responsibility (POR) or	School Council Co-treasurer	
	Principal must be a bank signatory.	Principal must be a bank signatory.	

^{*}The acting Principal shall authorize changes to signing authority during extended absences of the Principal. If an acting Principal is not available, the Finance Support Officer of the school can certify the above authorized individuals listed as temporary signatories to the bank accounts.

8.9 Finance & Banking - Other

Document Type	Borrowing, Short-Term or Long-Term Debt Contracts	Short term withdrawal of funds	Trust, Scholarships, Gifts and Awards Accounts Setup
Signature Type	Manual	Manual	Manual
Threshold	No Thresholds	No Thresholds	No Limit or as prescribed in trust criteria
Approval Authority Required	Board	Associate Director and Executive Officer, Finance	School Superintendent
Signing Authority Required	Director of Education and Chair and Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Associate Director and Executive Officer, Finance	Principal Administrator of Trust Fund

Transaction Type	Pre-authorized Payments (such as for receipt of monthly lease revenues)	Write off of Accounts Receivable, Approval for Allowance for Doubtful Accounts
Signature Type	Manual	Manual
Threshold	None	See below
Approval Authority Required	Manager of Finance	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance or Executive Officer, Finance and Associate Director for write-off amounts above \$5K and Department lead/manager of the designated area can write off amounts below \$5K
Signing Authority Required	Proposal set up by Assistant manager of Finance. Approval from Manager of Finance.	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance or Executive Officer, Finance

$\textbf{8.10.} \ \textbf{Information Technology Services (ITS) and Information Management (IM) Contractor} \\ \textbf{Agreements and Licenses}$

Document Type	New Contractor Agreements and Renewals	New Support Contracts and Renewals	New Licenses and Renewals	New Vendor of Record	Emergency Resource Engagements
Signature Type	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic
Threshold	\$0 - \$100,000	\$0 - \$100,000	\$0 - 100,000	\$0 - 100,000	\$0 - \$100,000
Approval Authority required	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM
Signing Authority required	Senior Manager	Senior Manager	Senior Manager	Senior Manager	Senior Manager
Location of Records	ITS Unit	ITS Unit	ITS Unit	ITS Unit	ITS Unit
Records	Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	Responsible or IM Unit Responsible

Document Type Signature Type	New Contractor Agreements and Renewals	New Support Contracts and Renewals	New Licenses and Renewals	New Vendor of Record	Emergency Resource Engagements
Threshold	\$100,001 - \$175,000	\$100,001 - \$175,000	\$100,001 - \$175,000	\$100,001 - \$175,000	\$100,001 - \$175,000
Approval Authority required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence
Signing Authority required	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM			
Location of Records	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible

Document Type	New Contractor Agreements and	New Support Contracts and	New Licenses and Renewals	New Vendor of Record	Emergency Resource
71	Renewals	Renewals			Engagements
Signature Type	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic
Threshold	\$175,001 - \$250,000				
Approval Authority required	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence and FBEC Committee	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence and FBEC Committee	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence and FBEC Committee	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence and FBEC Committee	Associate Director of Operations and Service Excellence and FBEC Committee
Signing Authority required	Executive Officer, ITS or Executive Superintendent for IM				
Location of Records	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible	ITS Unit Responsible or IM Unit Responsible

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Document	New Contractor	New Support	New Licenses and	New Vendor of	Emergency
Type	Agreements and	Contracts and	Renewals	Record	Resource
	Renewals	Renewals			Engagements
Signature	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic
Type					
Threshold	\$250,000+	\$250,000+	\$250,000+	\$250,000+	\$250,000+
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Approval	Associate Director				
Authority	of Operations and				
required	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service
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	Board	Board	Board	Board	Board
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Signing	Executive Officer,				
Authority	ITS or Executive				
•	Superintendent for				
required	•	•	<u>*</u>	_	*
	IM	IM	IM	IM	IM
Location of	ITS Unit				
Records					
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	Unit Responsible				

8.11 Insurance Claim Settlements

Transaction/ Document Type	Annual Premium Renewal	Insurance Claims			
Threshold	N/A	Claim Amount <\$50,000	Claim Amount \$50,000 - \$250,000	Claim Amount \$250,000 and over	
Approval Authority required	Manager of Insurance & Risk and Executive Officer, Finance	Manager of Insurance & Risk	Manager of Insurance & Risk and Executive Officer, Finance	Planning & Priorities Committee and Board	
Signing Authority required	Executive Officer, Finance	Manager of Insurance & Risk	Executive Officer, Finance and either Senior Litigation Counsel or Senior Legal Counsel	Associate Director of Finance & Operations and General Counsel	
Location of Records	Business Services Dept.	Business Services Dept.	Business Services Dept.	Business Services Dept.	

8.12. Legal Settlements

Document Type	Settlement of Employment-Related Claims (e.g., wrongful dismissal lawsuits, internal complaints, grievances, tribunal applications, ESA complaints, s. 50 OHSA complaints)				
Threshold	Below \$50,000	Up to \$350,000	Over \$350,000		
Approval Authority Required	One of: Employee Relations Officer Labour Relations Advisor Legal Counsel Senior Litigation Counsel Senior Legal Counsel / General Counsel Principal/Manager/Supervisory Officer	Two of: Director of Education Senior Manager, Employee Services Executive Officer Associate Director Executive Superintendent, Employee Services General Counsel Senior Litigation Counsel Senior Legal Counsel	Director of Education or Board		
Signing Authority Required	One of: Employee Relations Officer Labour Relations Advisor Legal Counsel Department Manager	One of: Senior Manager, Employee Services General Counsel Executive Superintendent, Employee Services Associate Director Director of Education Senior Litigation Counsel Senior Legal Counsel	Director of Education and General Counsel and Associate Director		
Location of Records	Employee Services Department	Employee Services Department	Employee Services Department		

8.12. Legal Settlements

Document Type	Settlements of Other Legal Claims (Actual or Potential)			
Threshold	Any payment including damages and legal costs up to \$100,000	Any payment including damages and legal costs up to \$350,000	Any payment including damages and legal costs over \$350,000	
Approval Authority Required	One of: Supervisory/Executive Officer or Senior Manager General Counsel	Two of: Executive Officer or Senior Manager General Counsel Associate Director Director of Education	Director of Education Or Board	
Signing Authority Required	One of: Executive Officer or Senior Manager Legal Counsel / Senior Legal Counsel Principal Superintendent of Education	One of: Executive Officer or Senior Manager General Counsel Associate Director Director of Education	Director of Education <u>and</u> General Counsel <u>and</u> Associate Director	
Location of Records	Legal Services Department	Legal Services Department	Legal Services Department	

8.13 Compensation Services

Payment Type	Payroll Cheques (Daily – Manual system generated)	Electronic funds transfer (EFT) Bi-weekly Payroll	Pensioners Pay	Sick Leave Gratuities
Approval Authority Required	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager and Payroll Supervisor	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager and Payroll Supervisor	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager and Payroll Supervisor	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager and Payroll Supervisor
Signing Authority Required	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager or Payroll Supervisor or Payroll Administrator	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager or Payroll Supervisor or Payroll Administrator	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager or Payroll Supervisor or Payroll Administrator	Sr. Manager Compensation Services or Payroll Manager or Payroll Supervisor or Payroll Administrator
Additional Comments	Segregation of duties - Entered by clerical staff, reviewed by the Payroll Analyst uploaded by Office Administrator and approved by Payroll Supervisor	Segregation of duties - Employee master data is maintained by Employee Services Staffing Depts. Payroll validates and processes the pay, creates the bank file and remits to the bank for deposit, reviewed by the Administrator and approved by the Payroll Supervisor or Payroll Manager		Segregation of duties – Individual calculations are done by clerical staff, checked by the Administrator and approved by the Payroll Supervisor or Payroll Manager

Payment Type	Payments to vendors, such as Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, OMERS, OTIP, Sun Life, Manulife, ELHT Trusts, etc.	Records of Employment	All remittances (CPP, EI, union dues, etc.)	T4 submission to CRA
Approval Authority Required	Manager of Compensation, Benefits and Pension Admin. or Senior Manager of Compensation Services	Payroll Manager	Payroll Supervisor or Payroll Manager	Payroll Manager
Signing Authority Required	For electronic fund transfers – No signatures required For manual journal entry adjustments – Manual signatures required from Compensation/Benefits/Pensio n Manager or Benefit/Pension Supervisor/Specialist	Payroll Manager and designated staff 24 Designates: (20 clerical staff, 2 Payroll supervisors and 2 administrative staff)	Payroll Manager or Payroll Supervisor (via Electronic Payment)	Payroll Manager or Payroll Supervisor

8.14 Operations – General Procurement Authority for Goods & Non-Consulting Services (*Please refer to Procurement authority for Facilities contracts*)

Contract Threshold (exclusive of taxes)	\$0 to \$10,000	\$10,000 to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 and over
Procurement Process	May be purchased through petty cash, purchase card or SAP purchase order. Should obtain competitive quotations by fax or telephone.	Submit Standard Request for Quotation Form. The Board will obtain a minimum of 3 quotations from suppliers.	The Board will obtain a minimum of 3 quotations from suppliers. Presented to appropriate standing committee and Board for information except those undertaken by Facilities Services.	The procurement must go through an open competitive process. Request for Tender (RFT) or Request for Proposal (RFP). All RFTs and RFPs are posted on nationally accessible electronic bulletin boards. Presented to appropriate standing committee and Board for information except those undertaken by Facilities Services.
Approval Authority Required	Cost Center Budget-holder	call meetings to approve con scheduled meetings, and repo	Director of Education or Designate. with the Chair of the appropriatracts over \$175,000 during mort approvals at the first scheduthan 1 year must be approved ellence or designate.	onths where there are no alled meeting.)

	For single or sole source vendors	Exceptions: Emergency Purchases
Procurement Process	The sole source form must be completed and reviewed by the Purchasing department prior to engaging the vendor. Approval of Associate Director is required for threshold above \$10,000. Approvals of both the Associate Director and Director are required for thresholds over \$50,000.	In case of emergencies, the Board has the authority to obtain goods or services in the most expedient possible manner regardless of the amount. Emergencies are defined as circumstances or situations beyond anyone's control which have potential of affecting the health, life or safety of students or other personnel, or result in undue financial losses.

8.14 Procurement – General Procurement Authority for Consulting Services

Organizations must competitively procure consulting services irrespective of value.

Exemptions (i.e. for sole source or single source) must be in accordance with applicable trade agreements.

Organizations must not reduce the overall value of procurement (e.g. dividing a single procurement into multiple procurements) in order to circumvent competitive procurement thresholds.

Contract Threshold (exclusive of taxes)	\$0 to \$50,000	\$50,000 to \$100,000	\$100,000 and over	Non-Competitive (i.e. Sole-source and Single-Source) – All Thresholds
Procurement Process	Invitational Competitive Procurement Process - inviting 3 or more qualified suppliers to submit written proposals to supply goods or services. Or Open Competitive Process - Request for Tender (RFT) or Request for Proposal (RFP). All RFTs and RFPs are posted on nationally accessible electronic bulletin boards.	Invitational Competitive Procurement Process - inviting 3 or more qualified suppliers to submit written proposals to supply goods or services. Or Open Competitive Process - Request for Tender (RFT) or Request for Proposal (RFP). All RFTs and RFPs are posted on nationally accessible electronic bulletin boards.	Open Competitive Process - Request for Tender (RFT) or Request for Proposal (RFP). All RFTs and RFPs are posted on nationally accessible electronic bulletin boards.	*Refer to Section 10.3.4 of the Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive Guidebook. The Board must not conduct non- competitive procurement of consulting services without documenting the decision and obtaining appropriate approvals.
Approval Authority Required	Director of Education or Designate	Board	Board	Board

8.14 Procurement – Individual Schools or Department – Purchasing Methods

Purchase	Low value purch	ases up to \$3,500	Purchases above \$3,500	
Threshold				
Board Approved Vendor Available?	No system contract agreements available for the product or service.	System contract available for the product or service.	No system contract agreements available for the product or service.	System contract available for the product or service.
Purchase may be made through the following methods	Petty Cash Purchase Card Local purchase orders through SAP	Order products or services through SAP	Submitted to the Purchasing & Distribution Services department in electronic form for processing – Purchase Requisition through SAP.	Order products or services through SAP.
Foreign orders	All orders or vendors outside of Canada, regardless of amount, must be submitted through Purchasing & Distribution Services to ensure that imported goods are properly cleared through Canada Customs.			
Contracts - Signing Authority	Individual schools or central departments shall <u>not</u> sign or engage in any financial contracts with external vendors without consulting with the Purchasing & Distribution Services Department. This includes agreements or contracts relating to yearbooks, photographers, uniforms, travel agencies and online payment services.			

The Board should utilize competitive methods for procurement of goods and non-consulting services with an estimated value of less than \$100,000. The Board must use an open competitive process where an estimated value of procurement of goods or services is \$100,000 or more.

Exemptions (i.e. for sole source or single source) must be in accordance with applicable trade agreements.

8.15 Research, Data and Survey Contracts

Document Type	Research Contracts			
Signature Type (Manual or Electronic)	Electronic	Electronic	Electronic	
Threshold	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000	
Approval Authority required	Executive Superintendent, Research, Org Design, Info Services, Education Partnership	Associate Director	Associate Director and Director	
Signing Authority required	Executive Superintendent, Research, Org Design, Info Services, Education Partnership	Executive Superintendent, Research, Org Design, Info Services, Education Partnership	Executive Superintendent, Research, Org Design, Info Services, Education Partnership	
Records Retention (Location of Records)	Located in Research & Information Services.			
Comments	Single Source Contract with Research Assistant (Template as approved by Legal Services)	Single Source Contract with Research Assistant (Template as approved by Legal Services)	Single Source Contract with Research Assistant (Template as approved by Legal Services)	

8.16 Trust and Donations

Transaction/ Document Type	Toronto District School Board – Trust Funds Financial statements and Management Representation Letter	Donation Tax Receipt for Monetary Donations	Letter of acknowledgement for donations and gift in kind
Signature type	Manual	Electronic	Manual
\$ Threshold	N/A	\$25 or over	\$25 or over
Approval Authority Required	TDSB Audit Committee and Board	Trust & Donations Department	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance or Executive Officer, Finance
Signing Authority Required	Management report is signed by the Executive Officer, Finance and Associate Director Signatures not required on Financial statements	Executive Officer, Finance	Comptroller/Assistant Comptroller of Finance or Executive Officer, Finance
Location of Records	Business services department	Business services department	Business services department

8.17 Trustee Expenses

Transaction/ Document Type	Trustee Expense Claims - Trustees	Trustee Expense Claims - Chair	Pre-approval of Expenses
Signature type	Manual	Manual	Manual
\$ Threshold	N/A	N/A	Over \$500 per expense item
Signing and Approval Authority Required	Chair and Director of Education's Designates – Executive Officer, Finance or Associate Director, Operations and Service Excellence	Vice Chair and Director of Education	Chair and Director of Education's Designates – Executive Officer, Finance or Associate Director, Operations and Service Excellence
Location of Records	Business Services Department	Business Services Department	Business Services Department

Transaction/ Document Type	Pre-approval for Purchase Orders below \$50 from SAP system (P.O. for goods, printing services, mailroom and distribution center orders)		Appeals of Trustee Expense Approvals	Out of Province Conferences – Pre- approval
\$ Threshold	Under \$50	\$50 or over	N/A	N/A
Signing and Approval Authority Required	Director's designate – Board services staff	Chair (or Vice Chair for Chair's expenses) or Director of Education's Designates – Executive Officer, Finance or Associate Director, Operations and Service Excellence	Audit Committee	To be approved by Board of Trustees upon recommendation by House Committee. Chair to sign off on conference form once approved.
Location of Records	Board Services	Board Services and Business Services Department	Board Services and Business Services Department	Board Services and Business Services Department