



## **Capital Developments provides \$28,000 in financial support to 56 students in the International Baccalaureate Program**

**June 19, 2020** – As the 2019-2020 school year comes to a close, we recognize the ongoing pandemic has created many challenges for parents, us included. When we learned about the new registration fees introduced by the Toronto District School Board to sustain the International Baccalaureate program, we knew we had to respond. And while we don't know what the return back to school in the Fall will look like, we don't want families to have to make the difficult decision of pulling their children out of such an impactful program for purely financial reasons.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program, offered in over 125 countries and six TDSB high schools in Toronto, is one of the most engaging and rigorous education programs internationally. We know this because at Capital Developments, some of our colleagues are parents of students of the IB program. We have witnessed first-hand the program's success in developing active learners and engaged students over the years. We have seen the benefits of this enhanced learning in our kids' personal and academic achievements.

We have committed to providing an additional \$500 subsidy to Grade 11 and Grade 12 students whose families fall within the \$30,000 to \$50,000 income range. Organized through the TDSB's financial assistance program, this subsidy will cover the balance of the \$1,500 annual fee within the 2020-2021 academic year, covering full tuition for 56 families in Toronto. Our total contribution of \$28,000 will help provide high school students equitable access to the IB program.

We are proud to be part of this initiative that is so close to home for us. As city-builders, we know that creating communities means more than just building a physical environment. It's about creating a positive future for all of us, by supporting each other and responding to the needs of our communities.

The deadline to apply for financial aid has been extended to August 15, 2020. For more information and learn about eligibility, please visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Specialized-Schools-and-Programs/International-Baccalaureate/Financial-Assistance-for-IB>