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Re: A major milestone for Buttonwood and in our fight to save Silver Creek

Dear friends,

On Wednesday night, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) voted to refer one of its properties, Buttonwood Hill Public School, to the Toronto Lands Corporation for sale, allowing the Toronto Catholic District School Board to purchase the property.

This is a very positive step for the Buttonwood community, as it will:

- **Ensure that the property remains in public hands for years to come and will protect the services and green space for children, students and families in the Buttonwood community;**
- Protect the Learning Jungle child care centre, as the Catholic Board has promised that it will retain Learning Jungle as a tenant; and
- Keep Leonardo Da Vinci Academy where it is until 2020, as the Catholic Board has committed to honouring their current lease.

This is also a major boost to our efforts to save Silver Creek Public School. The referring of Buttonwood to the Toronto Lands Corporation and its sale to the Catholic Board will:

- Allow the Catholic Board to address its need for an elementary school in Central Etobicoke, ensuring that it will no longer need to purchase Silver Creek Public School.
- **Allow the Government of Ontario to finalize its discussions with the TDSB on the Silver Creek property so that we can protect the services provided to children with special needs at the Etobicoke Children's Centre and Silver Creek Pre-School.**

Next Steps

1. After the Toronto Lands Corporation circulates the property, the Toronto Catholic District School Board must make a formal offer to purchase the Buttonwood property.
2. The TDSB will need to pass a motion to move Silver Creek to the Toronto Lands Corporation for circulation.
3. The Government of Ontario and the TDSB can then finalize discussions on the Silver Creek property.

I welcome your feedback on this issue. If you have any comments or questions, please contact my office at 416-234-2800 or ybaker.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

Sincerely,

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