



## Let's Make Waves

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### **Pools Saved by the Toronto District School Board and the Province of Ontario.**

*For Immediate Release – April 23, 2009 – Toronto, Ontario:* **Let's Make Waves** is pleased that the TDSB, at last night's Board meeting voted to provide ongoing support for 13 of the 39 city pools at risk of closing in June 2009. Trustees also voted to sit at the table with the Aquatics Working Group (AWG) to find a long-term sustainable funding and management solution for all the pools.

The AWG work will continue until the next Board meeting scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the Trustees will make a decision on the remaining twenty-six pools.

Let's Make Waves would like to also thank the Province for stepping in to provide the capital funding necessary to bring the school pools to a state of good repair. We applaud our leaders for recognizing the value of these important community assets.

We would also like to thank David Crombie and Karen Pitre for establishing the AWG, driving the direction, working the rooms and providing such a strong, well-researched and valuable way forward. The citizens of Toronto thank you.

Let's Make Waves now looks to the City of Toronto, encouraging all Councillors and the Mayor to engage with the Province, TDSB and aquatic organizations in the AWG forum. Only through that forum, can the City effectively participate in partnership with all stakeholders to resolve the operational cost question which the Provincial offer is conditional.

#### **13 Pools - Guaranteed to Remain Open**

Allenby Jr; AY Jackson; Deer Park Jr & Sr PS; Glenview Sr PS; Harbord CI; Keele Street Jr PS; Lawrence Park CI; Newtonbrook SS; Northern SS; R.H. King Academy; Riverdale CI; Stephen Leacock CI; Westview Centennial SS

#### **26 Pools - Remaining Pools at Risk**

Carleton Village Sr PS, Central Technical School, Downsview SS, Early Grey Sr PS, Fern Avenue Jr and Sr PS, Forest Hill CI, George S Henry Academy, Humberside CI, Jarvis CI, Kensington Community School Jr, Malvern CI, Monarch Park, North Toronto CI, Queen Alexandra Sr PS, Rosedale Heights SS, SATEC @ WA Porter CI, Western Tech. Com. School, Winona McMurrich Jr PS, Bickford Park, Bloor CI, Central Commerce Collegiate, Danforth Collegiate & Tech Institute, Oakwood CI, Parkdale CI and Western Technical

#### **About Let's Make Waves**

Let's Make Waves is a non-partisan coalition of parents, students, concerned citizens, and members of not-for-profit sports organizations from across the city of Toronto united by a common interest to save the TDSB pools from closing. For more information visit: [www.letsmakewaves.ca](http://www.letsmakewaves.ca)