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Mr. John Campbell, Chair
Toronto District School Board
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Proposed Genocide Study Course at the TDSB

I am writing in regard to the curriculum of the Toronto District School Board's proposed genocide study course. I understand that the recommendations will be before you this evening.

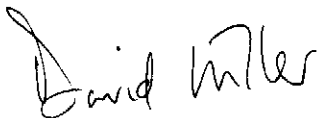
I would like to congratulate the Board of Education for its initiative in adding genocide studies to the Board's curriculum. In Toronto, where more than half of us have been born in countries outside Canada, it is extremely important for these tragic world events to be studied.

I am concerned, however, as are members of Toronto's Ukrainian community, by the non-inclusion of the Ukrainian Famine/Genocide of 1932-33 into the core curriculum for your new course of studies. Your courses include the Armenian and Rwandan genocides as well as the Holocaust. As you know, the Holodomor was one of the largest genocides of the 20th century. It has parallels to the Armenian Genocide and should be studied by Toronto students not only because of the genocide but for the historical denial of its existence.

I am proud to be the Mayor of a city in which important and significant world events are included as an essential addition to the core curriculum and I would urge this board to amend the recommendations to include this.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Mayor David Miller
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