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Mayor Josh Morgan
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON N6B 1Z2
Email: mayor@london.ca

Dear Mayor Morgan and Council,

Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Trustees recently approved the following motion:

> THAT the Chair write a letter on behalf of the Board of Trustees to engage the City of London Council in discussion regarding a Memorandum of Understanding. The Memorandum of Understanding will detail the logistics of a two-year pilot in collaboration with TVDSB and the London Transit Commission to provide students entering grade nine at Clarke Road Secondary School a free bus pass effective 2024 September and grant writing associated to fulfill the cost of the pilot. The letter will be shared on the TVDSB website.

I am writing to follow-up on that directive and invite the City to collaborate with TVDSB to make this exciting opportunity a reality.

Topics for further discussion could include:

- The cost of providing Clarke Road Secondary School students with municipal bus passes for two school years
- How TVDSB and the City of London could collaborate on this project
- How we might measure success
- How costs may be funded or subsidized including through grant application processes

There are many potential benefits to providing bus passes to secondary students at no additional cost to students. For example, students would have better access to social supports, employment, and volunteer opportunities. Their ridership could also reduce emissions and boost the local economy.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this request. We invite you to reach out to the Trustees' Office using the contact details provided, so we can arrange a time to discuss next steps.

Together, we can learn how to best support City of London youth.

Beth Mai
Chair of the Board
Thames Valley District School Board

cc: Mark Fisher, Director Fisher
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