It goes on to suggest that the provincial government provide better funding for education in Toronto.

Social Planning Toronto is recommending that the TDSB reallocate the entirety of the LOG grant to have flexibility on how they spend the money and thus “are able, and do, divert it to other uses to support those students who are living in poverty and at risk of not succeeding academically.”

“It is literally cutting their parents off from the programs that can really help build a school. It’s not helping. They’re losing money,” Sean Meagher, the executive director at Social Planning Toronto, recognizes that the Toronto District School Board’s $15 millionportion of the province’s Learning Opportunities Grant (LOG) has been reallocated to other budget line items, including the city’s budget shortfall: report.

The report reads: “The effect of this cut is to sacrifice the equity of students,” and individualized support. “Breakfast programs, homework clubs, reading recovery programs, enrichment activities, and mental health support are being used to finance the education costs of their richer classmates.”

The provincial government says that the money was to be spent on equity for low-income students, but the TDSB is divesting funds meant for at-risk youth to programs that are enriching other students.”

“It’s essentially making it so programs that help low-income students are not being spent on them,” the report reads.

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