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Toronto District School Board
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RE: *Cabbagetown People* Walking Tour Program

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as written support for the *Cabbagetown People* Walking Tour Program. My name is Brian Power, and I am an elementary school teacher with the Toronto District School Board. My classes have been participating in the *Cabbagetown People* Walking Tours for the past seven years in both English and French.

There are many reasons why I find the walking tours, the perfect compliment to Ontario Provincial Curriculum. First, the *Cabbagetown People* Program has an amazing interactive bi-lingual website, where students can research the route, the people who have been designated commemorative plaques, listen to an audio version of the tour, and view past students' work that has been uploaded on the site. Here, teachers make the Ontario Provincial Curriculum connections to social studies, media literacy, visual arts, writing, reading, physical education, and oral communications. Second, the website, print brochure, and actual tours given by the tour guides are in both of Canada's official languages – English and French. Lastly, the tour helps preserve and authenticate Toronto's rich urban history for a new generation of learners. For example, while on the excursion, students would orally join the tour guide and discuss their website researched, Cabbagetown prominent person.

I hope you find my written testimonial, evidence of the important role the *Cabbagetown People* Program has in preserving Toronto's rich history. Please visit the website @ www.cabbagetownpeople.ca to view my past students' media texts of peoples they have researched and presented to their learning communities. If I can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me @ brianjpower@yahoo.com.

Yours in student success,

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