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To All Members of the UTS Community:

Last Friday, the University of Toronto advised us that they will not proceed to implement the comprehensive Site Redevelopment Proposal for 371 Bloor St. West that we presented to them last December. After considering our proposal, the University informed us that they will require the entire UTS property in order to meet their own future academic space needs.

Since the signing of the Affiliation Agreement in 2006, the future location of UTS after 2021 has been an open question. This decision on the part of the University makes our way forward clear: **UTS will discuss with the University the terms on which UTS can be rebuilt on a new, centrally located site in a way that does its history credit and forms the basis for reaching new heights of excellence.**

The prospect of new space and a new permanent home for UTS is very exciting in what it can and will mean for the school and its students. As part of the UTS Strategic Plan “Building the Future”, we have been planning for a future facility with the kind of physical space and facilities that will fully support and help deliver all our learning programs and provide a state of the art learning environment for our students. Going forward, the Board will now focus its attention on finding an appropriate alternate site for UTS and securing the support necessary to make such a move. We are not obliged to move before 2021, but even with 10 years notice, we know we have to act promptly, first to obtain the commitment of the University to the terms of our move, next to find the right location and finally to build our new home. We are committed to staying in the central area, and to finding and securing a location that has the size to build a school with the physical space and facilities we need. We are determined and confident that UTS will have the right home for the future.

UTS and The University of Toronto have had a long, close history and a very strong professional working relationship. This relationship is a key aspect of UTS and we intend to continue it regardless of where UTS may ultimately be relocated. The University has said it will assist UTS in the site search process and help with the acquisition, including providing financial and other support. We will work closely with them on every aspect of relocation.

The scale and scope of the future opportunities and potential for UTS are great and provide a unique opportunity for the school to fully achieve its vision, mission and future aspirations.

We know that each one of you is committed to the future of this great institution, and we count on that commitment. We look forward to engaging with you in the facilities planning process in the months ahead. If you have any questions or input, please contact us by email at building@utschools.ca, or by joining us on Facebook.

Yours Sincerely,



Bob Lord
Chair, UTS Board