



## REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY  
COMMITTEE

## PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS S.M. 17

*As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. (Colossians 3:12)*

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| <b>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</b>  |                    |   |

**Vision:**

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

**Mission:**

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends rescinding the Anaphylaxis Policy (S.M.15) and the Asthma Policy (S.M.16) in order to create a consolidated Prevalent Medical Conditions Policy (S.M. 17) that will reflect changes to current legislation.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 100 hours*

## **B. PURPOSE**

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends policy revision.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. The Anaphylaxis Medical Conditions Policy (S.M.15) was approved on February 2006 and has not been amended since.
2. The Asthma Policy (S.M. 16) was approved on August 2015 and has not been amended since.
3. P.P.M 161, issued on February 28, 2018, mandated all school boards in Ontario to maintain a policy to support students with prevalent medical conditions (asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy, and/or at risk for anaphylaxis).
4. The Protocol for Prevalent Medical Conditions found in Appendix B was presented and received at the June 13, 2018 meeting of SEAC.
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## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. This policy has been amended in consultation with the TCDSB Department of Special Services, the Special Education Advisory Committee, the Toronto Secondary Unit, the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers Unit and the Canadian Union of Public Employees.
2. Since this policy was written, there have been changes to applicable legislations. Revisions in this policy and the accompanying protocol reflect these changes.

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. The school principal will ensure that this policy is implemented at their local school.
2. The recommendations of this report and the accompanying protocol will be monitored by the Superintendent of Special Services.
3. Further reports will be brought to Board in accordance with the policy review schedule.

## **F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

1. A presentation on the revised policy and protocol will be made to Principals at a K-12 meeting.
2. Presentations will also be made to Education Council, Assessment and Programing Teachers, Programs and Assessment Teachers, and Special Education Department Heads.
3. The updated policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.

## **G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Prevalent Medical Conditions Policy (S.M. 17) provided in Appendix A be adopted and that Anaphylaxis Policy (S.M.15) provided in Appendix C and the Asthma Policy (S.M.16) provided in Appendix D be rescinded.