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To: Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee Meeting , January 10, 2019

From: Ida Li Preti, Trustee Ward 3

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Establishment of Political Action Committee

MOVED BY: Ida Li Preti, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Trustees are dedicated to the education of students and families in our city; and

WHEREAS: education is a shared responsibility, and relationships with other levels of government and system stakeholders are key to its success; and

WHEREAS: TCDSB trustees are the voices of students, parents and community members and as such must advocate for equity, student academic achievement, health and wellbeing, social justice and Catholic values that will benefit students and the community we serve; and

WHEREAS: as School Trustees we must represent perspectives on educational, political and social issues to improve our educational system; and

WHEREAS: it is vital to foster ongoing collaboration between various levels of government and system stakeholders to advance the major issues affecting education; and

WHEREAS: School Trustees must develop and support government relations strategies to benefit students and families; and

WHEREAS: networking and communication must be facilitated, related to; advocacy, lobbying and political action, and

WHEREAS: School Trustees must implement strategies that support a strong and unified Catholic, public education system that promotes the confidence of parents and the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS: the TCDSB currently does not have a Political Action Committee that acts in the best interests and needs of the ratepayers and community; and

WHEREAS: Bylaw 5.5 provides for the establishment of Ad Hoc Committees;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: a Political Action Committee be established as an Ad Hoc committee of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Political Action Committee consist of at least (3) three Trustee members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the terms of reference for the committee be determined by the committee members and recommended to the Board of Trustees.

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