



REPORT TO

## GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### YEAR-END CELEBRATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN S.M.18

*“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.” Luke 18:16*

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January 28, 2019

#### First Tabling

February 27, 2019

#### Review

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### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

#### 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 the approval of the policy to be followed where a year-end event is planned to celebrate children completing Year 2 of The Kindergarten Program.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 6 hours*

## **B. PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this Recommendation Report is to provide a new draft policy for Year-End Celebrations for The Kindergarten Program arising from a Trustee motion requesting a consistent policy for Senior Kindergarten Graduations.

*“That the TCDSB supports in our elementary schools the expectation of parents of having kindergarten graduations.”*

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. This draft policy arises from a Board motion to provide consistency through alignment of practices for Year-End Kindergarten celebrations with existing policies for Blessing and Official Opening of Schools Policy (S.08) and School Events Communications and Invitee Protocols (S.02). The original motion passed at the October 2018 Corporate Services meeting and was referred to the Governance and Policy Committee. The motion passed at January 2019 Governance and Policy meeting to come back to February 12, 2019 Governance and Policy Committee with a Draft Policy.
2. Year End Celebrations for Kindergarten Children Policy S.M. 18 (Appendix A) was drafted based on the above motion.

## **D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Elementary school principals will be surveyed annually to determine whether a year-end kindergarten celebration was held at their school.

**E. IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This policy will be posted on the TCDSB Policy Register website.
2. The policy will be presented to all Principals at a K-8 Principal meeting.

**F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Year-End Celebrations for Kindergarten Children Policy (S.M. 18) provided in Appendix A be adopted.