

**POLITICAL ACTION AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AND WELLBEING, CATHOLIC**  
**EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2019**

**A. BACKGROUND**

The Board of Trustees struck the Political Action Ad Hoc Committee at the Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting on January 14, 2019.

The Committee has met twice, on February 19 and March 6, 2019.

**B. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MARCH 6, 2019 MEETING:**

The Political Action Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees:

1. That the Committee's Terms of Reference be adopted – refer attachment;
2. That the Chair of the Board meet with two or three interested representatives from each of the Toronto Catholic District School Board's Advisory Groups and also Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) and Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE); and
3. That the Board of Trustees approve the following motion:

WHEREAS the planned changes to the Ontario Autism Program may not adequately meet the needs of students with autism and will put additional pressures on the limited school board resources; and

WHEREAS the Board has received no information about the number of students to expect making it problematic to prepare for any increases in enrolment; and

THEREFORE be it resolved:

THAT the Chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) issue a statement about the Government's announcement:

- A. Requesting that the Minister of Education and the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services reconsider the planned changes to the Ontario Autism Program with respect to the impact that these changes will have on the ability of school Boards to meet the needs of autistic children; and
- B. Requesting that the Ministers meet with TCDSB and Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees Association (OCSTA) representatives to discuss the needs of school Boards with respect to providing services to students with autism.

Trustee Norm Di Pasquale  
Chair, Political Action Ad Hoc Committee  
March 7, 2017

## ATTACHMENT

### TCDSB BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### POLITICAL ACTION AH HOC COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

##### Composition

The committee shall consist of:

- Representatives from the TCDSB Board of Trustees as per by-law #5.6 which states that:
  - *Membership of Ad-Hoc Committees shall be a fixed number of Trustees, being no more than one-third of the Board of Trustees. To the extent possible the Board of Trustees shall ensure equitable distribution of Trustees on Committees and each Trustee shall sit on a maximum of three Ad-Hoc Committees. Committee membership shall include TCDSB staff as determined by the Director and other appropriate individuals as determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time. Trustees will be appointed by the Board when the Ad-Hoc Committee is established or may be appointed at a later time.*
- Director of Education (or designate(s)).

##### Mandate

The TCDSB Board of Trustees resolved that an Ad-Hoc Political Action Committee be established. The committee will report and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on various issues including:

- Developing political advocacy strategies to assist the TCDSB in fulfilling its mission and vision;
- Advising the Board of Trustees on trustee involvement in advocacy to federal, provincial and municipal levels of government.

## **Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair. Meetings shall normally be held on an as-needed basis, including following government announcements that have Board-wide implications.