



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
1 Peter 4:10 NRSV*

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

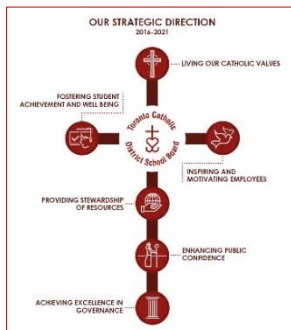
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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The term duration of the members of the Mental Health Advisory Council is currently one school year. Council members felt that the work of the committee would be more efficient and effective if the term duration was extended to two school years.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 2 hours

B. PURPOSE

1. By extending the term of the members of the Council to two school years, they will benefit from more time to observe the work of the mental health team of the Special Services Department. This will allow the members to be better informed and provide more meaningful advice to the team on their proposed action plan and strategy implementation.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The topic of the duration of the term was discussed at the Council meeting of December 18, 2018. A motion was proposed to have the term extended to two academic years to allow members to contribute more meaningfully to the Council's work.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. It is customary for most Advisory councils or committees to have term durations of about two to three years. Terms that are longer than this period are not recommended to allow for a healthy rotation of membership, thus increasing the probability of new ideas. Terms that are shorter than one year are also discouraged because committee members do not benefit from enough exposure to the work of the committee to contribute to it in a meaningful manner.
2. The policy that governs the term of the Mental Health Advisory Council is the terms of reference as published on the TCDSB website.
3. Similar Advisory committees from other school boards have terms of two years (e.g., TDSB).

4. A survey of Council members did reveal that all members were in favour of extending the term to two academic years.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The recommendation of the board, if approved, for an extension of an additional year for committee members will be implemented.

F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. A request is made to extend the term of the Mental Health Advisory Council from one school year to two academic years.
2. If the Board decides to extend the term, it will be communicated on the TCDSB website and announced at the next Council meeting.
3. Council Members will be informed of this change. Information to this effect will also appear on the TCDSB website. No other stakeholders will need to be informed.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve the extension of the term of the Mental Advisory Council members from the current one-year period to a term of two years.