



REPORT TO

## GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A PARTISAN ACTIVITIES AND CAMPAIGNING POLICY A.40

*For receiving instruction in prudent behaviour, doing what is right and just and fair.  
Proverbs 1:30*

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### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

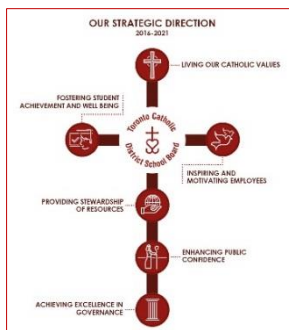
**Vision:**

*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 adoption of a Partisan Activities and Campaigning Policy A.40.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 8 hours*

## **B. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the rules that govern and regulate partisan and election activities on TCDSB properties.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. In the lead up to the 2019 Federal Election, we can expect a number of requests by candidates to hold partisan events at TCDSB schools. If we remain status quo, our Board may be vulnerable when granting permits or making school visit accommodations for a person seeking nomination of candidacy, a candidate or an elected official, leading up to and during an election, whether municipal, provincial or federal. Granting access to one candidate may be seen as an endorsement of a candidate or political party. A policy is also needed to ensure clarity for all TCDSB staff around access to Board properties during pre-writ and writ periods.
2. While the Board has a number of policies that captures elements related to activities during elections, there is no comprehensive policy that brings all considerations together into one policy.

## **D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

The effectiveness of this policy will be evaluated on an as needed basis.

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

1. The policy will be communicated by way of memo to all TCDSB staff, students, school councils and community advisory committees to ensure

everyone is aware of the new policy. Reminders will be sent in the lead up to any upcoming election.

2. This policy was developed in consultation with legal and the communication department.

## **F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Partisan Activities and Campaigning Policy A.40, as proposed in Report Appendix A, be adopted.