



REPORT TO

## GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### UPDATE TO SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION POLICY (S.S.01)

*For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life. Proverbs 6:23*

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<b>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</b>		

**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 updating the current Suspension and Expulsion Policy (S.S.01) to conform to recent legislative change and the recently updated TCDSB Fresh Start Policy (S.S.12).

1. The policy was approved by the Governance and Policy Committee on February 27, 2019 and referred to the Regular Board meeting on April 24, 2019.
2. At the Regular Board meeting on April 24, 2019 the policy was referred to the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting on May 15, 2019.
3. At the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting on May 15, 2019 the policy was approved, with no revisions.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 15 hours*

## **B. PURPOSE**

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance Policy Committee as it recommends policy revision.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. The Suspension and Expulsion Policy was approved in November 2004 and last amended in August 2016.
2. As of October 17, 2018, Bill 36, *Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018*, came into force.
  - a. New activities were added that are Education related, including possession of cannabis (Section 306), being under the influence of cannabis (Section 306) and the giving of cannabis to a minor (Section 310).
  - b. The Suspension and Expulsion Policy must be updated to reflect these changes

3. *A Search and Seizure* Procedural Guideline has been added as an appendix.
4. The TCDSB Fresh Start Policy was updated in January, 2019.

#### **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

This policy has been amended in consultation with staff from the Safe School and Legal Departments.

#### **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. Annual Safe Schools Climate surveys administered to representative groups of TCDSB students.
2. Anonymous school climate surveys conducted with Parents and Staff at least every two years.
3. Safe Schools data as reported in the Safe Schools Annual Report.

#### **F. IMPLEMENTATION**

1. The amended policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.
2. The amended policy will be presented to all Principals at a Principal meeting

#### **G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy (S.S.01) previously approved by the Governance and Policy Committee on February 27, 2019, in Appendix A be referred to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.