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To: Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee Meeting , November 7, 2019

From: Ida Li Preti, Trustee Ward 3

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Urgent Action Needed to Address Dangers of Youth Vaping

MOVED BY: Ida Li Preti, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: the use of e-cigarettes, commonly referred to as vapes, mods, and Juuls, has dramatically increased in Canadian youth ages 16 to 19 by 74% between 2017 and 2018; and

WHEREAS: a recent study from the University of Waterloo on Canadian youth vape use indicates that high schools across Canada are struggling to respond to the rapid increase in youth vaping; and

WHEREAS: on September 13, 2019 the US Centre for Disease Control reported that there are currently 380 confirmed and probable cases of vape-related illnesses and six deaths and the CDC has also declared youth vaping an “epidemic”; and

WHEREAS: the US Food and Drug Administration will soon unveil plans to remove flavored e-cigarette products from the US market, including menthol and mint products; and

WHEREAS: e-cigarettes contain aerosol that users breathe from the device which can contain harmful and potentially harmful substances, including high concentrations of nicotine, ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs, flavoring such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to

a serious lung disease, volatile organic compounds, cancer-causing chemicals, and heavy metals such as nickel, tin, and lead; and

WHEREAS: Whereas, school boards have an important role to play in addressing this youth public health epidemic;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(a) That the Chair write to Health Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Health, and the Toronto Board of Health to plead for urgent action to address the youth public health epidemic of vaping, including:

- (i) a full ban on e-cigarettes in Canada until the science about the adverse health impacts is known, to ensure that these devices can be properly regulated to protect youth from severe pulmonary disease that has resulted in death in some cases,
- (ii) a removal of flavoured e-cigarette products from the Canadian market;
- (iii) additional regulations on the sale of e-cigarettes and nicotine-containing vape products, similar to the regulations in effect for the sale of alcohol and increased funding for enforcement;
- (iv) advertising restrictions that are identical to those in effect for tobacco products to ensure that children and youth are protected;
- (v) the provision of funding for schools to install vape detectors as a deterrent for youth vaping in schools

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