



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE BEING
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For Board Use
Only

Delegation No. _____

☐ Public Session
☐ Private Session
☐ Three (3)
 Minutes

Name	Julia Da Silva
Committee	Governance and Policy
Date of Presentation	11/12/2019
Topic of Presentation	TCDSB Service Animal Policy
Topic or Issue	The TCDSB Service Animal Policy as currently written creates massive barriers for children who require service dogs to be ever be included. The Human Rights Tribunal as provided explicit concerns about the development of PPM 163, one of which includes school boards trying to only allow certified service animals within their policies as written in their May 2, 2019 letter to the Hon. Lisa Thompson.
Details	As the founder of Smith Haven Service Dogs and the lead trainer, I work daily with cleints in Toronto, some of which attend your schools, to make sure their service dogs are appropriately and safely trained for public access work. The standards plaed on our teams supercede the cer ification tests provided by ADI and IGDF accredited programs. For example, my program involves handlers and dogs passing 10 various levels of skills and requirements, many of which are not skills and requirements from ADI/ IGDF accredited programs.
Action Requested	To recognize non ADI and IGDF certified service animals within your policy in order to be inclusive and equitable to all students who require service dogs to mitigate their disabilities.
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	No

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)	
I am an official representative of student government	
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	Yes Smith Haven Service Dogs
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14	Yes
Submittal Date	11/10/2019