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**To:** Regular Board Meeting , November 21, 2019

**From:** Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

**Subject: Consideration of Motion – To Make All Public Meetings Accessible to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community**

**MOVED BY:** Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**WHEREAS:** The TCDSB is committed to providing an environment that fosters independence, dignity and respect and is committed to ensuring that everyone has the same opportunity of access to our board meetings;

**WHEREAS:** We strive to make all discussions and decision making in public sessions to be transparent and to encourage parent participation;

**WHEREAS:** Currently there are no measures in place to accommodate the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in our public board meetings and online access to these meetings;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** All videos posted online including but not limited to all Board meetings and Board videos by the TCDSB be close captioned for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The IT and accessibility team takes the needs for proper access for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community into consideration when designing the updates for the Board Room

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** If requested and with sufficient notice, that the Board provide a sign language interpreter to attend all Public committee meetings, including but not limited to: Regular Board, Student Achievement and Corporate Services. This will ensure access to content and encourage parent participation in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

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