



Toronto Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
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TCDSB Board of Trustees

Via: Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education & HR Committee

Members of the Board of Trustees,

On behalf of the Catholic Parent Involvement Committee, I wanted to congratulate the new Chair/Vice-Chair of the Board and other standing Committee Chairs. We look forward to Trustees appointed to support the work of CPIC.

As you recently took part in reciting the annual “Rite of Renewal for Trustees”; we hope that despite differences in opinion and methods to bring upon change, you will continue to work together to achieve the common purpose of educating all our children to their fullest potential in a system that is accountable to TCDSB stakeholders and Toronto separate school supporters. As parents we continue to look to you as Catholic leaders, to ensure we remain the system of choice that is entrenched in Catholic teachings, traditions and in full harmony with the Magisterium of the Church.

CPIC has undergone a significant change in renewing its Bylaws re-shaping the makeup of the Committee and its operations. We have brought on many new Parent Members and have a refreshed focus. As Committee Chair, I foresee three main goals that will guide our mission:

- 1) Providing knowledge and tools to Parent Councils (CSPC) to support their work and being an effective advisory body
- 2) Teaching parents ways to make their voices heard and opportunities to engage within our system.
- 3) Bringing meaningful advice and recommendations to the Director and Trustees in the hopes of improving policy, decision making, transparency and soliciting input from Parents.

We hope that you will continue to support the work of this Committee throughout the upcoming year and create opportunities to further engage parents on topics of value.

We look forward to continued collaboration and dialogue,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Del Grande", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Del Grande
CPIC Chair