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To: Regular Board Meeting , January 23, 2020

From: Norm Di Pasquale, Trustee Ward 9

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Land Acknowledgement

MOVED BY: Norm Di Pasquale, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: Recognition of the Traditional Territories of Indigenous Peoples is a part of an acknowledgement that we are working and living on land that is their ancestral territory;

WHEREAS: Territorial land acknowledgement is a formal statement of recognition and is an extension of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations and Calls to Action;

WHEREAS: Acknowledging the traditional territory at the commencement of our Board meetings reflects an awareness of and respect for the specific Indigenous Peoples' Land, Nation and Treaty;

WHEREAS: In TCDSB Policy SS 02 Opening and Closing Exercises, Section 10, states that our schools must include a land acknowledgement as part of the daily opening exercises;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The TCDSB Board add to Standing Committees and Regular Board opening exercises a land acknowledgment, acting as a recognition of the Traditional Territory on which the meeting is occurring.

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