



REPORT TO

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**POSSIBLE NAME CHANGE FOR JEAN VANIER CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL**

*But now thus says the Lord he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine (Isaiah 43)*

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

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*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

**Mission:**

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This information report outlines the process that will be taken to determine if a new name for Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School is required, and if so, the consultation process to determine a new school name.

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## **B. PURPOSE**

In light of the recent findings of the L'Arche International Independent Inquiry regarding the late Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, the Director of Education has determined that there are extenuating circumstances which require community consultation on a possible name change for Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

- 1) The naming of TCDSB schools is governed by School Names Policy S.07 (Appendix A)
- 2) Section C3 of the School Names Policy S.07 (Appendix A), states that “where the Director determines that there are extenuating circumstances, the Director may require that the [CSPC] of the school consider a name change”.
- 3) In addition to the CSPC, the broader Jean Vanier CSS community shall also be consulted including students, staff, the pastor of St. Maria Catholic Parish, the local Superintendent and the local Trustee.
- 4) Following consultation, if a name change is deemed necessary, the steps outlined in Section A of the policy will be followed to determine a new name.
- 5) The policy Section 2 mandates that a Catholic School will be given the name of one of the following:
  - a. our Lord
  - b. a Saint
  - c. a Catholic tradition
  - d. a local parish church
  - e. a closed school

- f. an exemplary Catholic person of local, national, international or historic significance
- 6) In choosing a new name for the school input will be gathered from the following members of the Jean Vanier community:
    - a. Students
    - b. Staff
    - c. The pastor at St. Maria Goretti Parish
    - d. The Catholic School Parent Council
    - e. The local Superintendent
    - f. The local Trustee
  - 7) A list of proposed names that meet the criteria as outlined in #5 will be compiled as well as a rationale for each of the names.
  - 8) A community meeting will be held to discuss the proposed names and gather additional input.
  - 9) As a result of this consultation, the local Superintendent of Education will submit proposed names to the Director of Education.
  - 10) The Archbishop of Toronto will be consulted as to the suitability of the names submitted.
  - 11) A report outlining the proposed names and their rationale, and any additional name suggested by the Director of Education, shall be presented at the Corporate Services Committee of the Board for a review and a final decision.

## **D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the consideration of the Board.