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**To:** Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee Meeting , April 2, 2020

**From:** Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4

**Subject: Declaring May 3<sup>rd</sup> as Polish Heritage Day and May as Polish Heritage Month at the Toronto Catholic District School Board**

**MOVED BY:** Teresa Lubinski, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**WHEREAS:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> is officially known as Constitution Day in Poland and annually celebrated as Poland's most important Civic Holiday;

**WHEREAS:** May 18, 2020 marks 100 years since the birth of St. John Paul II who was a vocal advocate for human rights. St. John Paul II often spoke out about suffering in the world and worked diligently for the good of the Catholic Youth and for the good of the World;

**WHEREAS:** The Polish Canadian community has contributed significantly to the growth and development of our country;

**WHEREAS:** There is a high number of students with Polish background in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) that have made significant contributions to our schools (through sharing their rich heritage and culture and language) and who form a part of the strong foundation of this Board;

**WHEREAS:** There are over 1.1 million Canadians who claim full or partial Polish ancestry, of whom over 145,000 reside in the City of Toronto, with many attending our Catholic schools;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Toronto Catholic District School Board hereby proclaim May 3<sup>rd</sup> as Polish Heritage Day and May as Polish Heritage Month at the TCDSB this year and every year thereafter in recognition of the substantial historic contributions made by the Polish community to the academic, social, cultural, and economic fabric of our Board.

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