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Mr. Rory McGuckin
Director of Education
Toronto Catholic District School Board
80 Sheppard Ave.
Toronto, ON M2N 6E8

Dear Mr. McGuckin:

RE: Recognizing Polish Heritage Day and May as Polish Heritage Month

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today in support of the motion put before the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) to recognize May 3rd as Polish Heritage Day and May as Polish Heritage Month.

As you know, the Polish diaspora has a long-standing presence in Canada stretching back over 160 years, with Toronto as a particularly important community centre and where the Canadian Polish Congress is based. Today, Canada's Polonia numbers over 1.1 million people, with over 200,000 living in the City of Toronto itself. Members of our community actively contribute to the building of our local parishes, communities, cities, provinces and country in all areas of endeavour.

It is important to note that our community continues to proudly and actively celebrate its Catholic faith, including by enrolling our children overwhelming into TCDSB schools and other Catholic School Boards across Ontario and Canada.

I look forward to receiving the good news of the adoption of this motion by the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and to celebrating this initiative with you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Trustee Teresa Lubinski for her amazing advocacy in this matter.

Sincerely,

John J. Tomczak
President
Canadian Polish Congress

cc: Teresa Lubinski, Trustee, Ward 4, TCDSB