



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## GRADUATION STATISTICS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

*"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going!'" (Gn 24:42)*

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### INFORMATION REPORT

**Vision:**

*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**

As recommended by the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC), this report was prepared to highlight Graduation statistics for students with Special Education needs enrolled in Grade 12 for the 2018-19 school year. Results showed that most students with Special Education needs graduate (with one of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) or Certificate of Achievement (COA) by their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year in Grade 12. This report will be prepared annually to track change over time.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 20 hours*

## **B. PURPOSE**

On December 12, 2019, SEAC recommended to the Board that an annual “Special Education Needs Students (SENS) Graduation report” be prepared for the Board and SEAC regarding students with Special Education needs, starting with those in the 2018-19 school year.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. Reports are presented to SEAC on an ongoing basis regarding programs and services to address the learning and well-being of students with Special Education needs.
2. Graduation from high school is an indicator of student success. There are three designations of successful completion of high school: Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD); Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC) and Certificate of Achievement (COA). The provincial goal is for all students to graduate in four years; however, students may require additional time. Students with Special Education needs may be enrolled in school until age 21.
3. As recommended by SEAC, this report was prepared to highlight graduation statistics for students enrolled in Grade 12 for the 2018-19 school year.

## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. For the 2018-19 school year, data were extracted, summarized and analyzed for Grade 12 students (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years) in the following areas (see Appendix A):

- Total number of students who enrolled and attended
  - i. All students enrolled in Grade 12 as of October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - ii. Students in Grade 12 with an IEP (*including* those with exceptionality of Giftedness and those designated as Non Applicable - NA)
  - iii. Students in Grade 12 with Exceptionality 1\* (*excluding* Giftedness)
  
- Graduation - number of students who graduated with:
  - i. an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
  - ii. an Ontario Secondary School Certificate (OSSC)
  - iii. a Certificate of Achievement (COA)
  
- Non-graduating students included:
  - i. Aging Restriction
  - ii. Early Leavers
  - iii. Returning Students

2. Based on the data in Appendix A, the following results are highlighted for the 2018-2019 school year.

	<b>All</b>	<b>With IEP</b>	<b>Exceptionality 1 (excluding Giftedness)</b>
Graduated	7132/8929 = 79.9%	1385/1840 = 75.3%	655/942 = 69.5%
Returning for 2019-2020	1003/8929 = 11.23%	306/1840 =16.6%	215/942 = 22.8%
Did not Graduate and did not return	786/8929 = 8.8%	148/1840 =8%	71/942 =7.5%

\**Exceptionality 1* refers to the primary exceptionality for which a Special Education Program and/or Service(s) are provided.

3. Most students with Special Education needs graduate (either with OSSD, OSSC or COA) by their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of Grade 12.
4. Students with Special Education needs require more time to fulfil graduation requirements. The goal remains to improve graduation outcomes for all students and for students with Special Education needs.

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. As recommended by SEAC, this report will be prepared annually starting in 2018-19.
2. This is the first annual report. Subsequent reports will include additional years of data (up to five years, once available), to allow tracking of change over time.

## **F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the consideration of the Board.