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Name	Paolo De Buono
Committee	Student Achievement and Well-Being Catholic Education Human Resources
Date of Presentation	5/7/2020
Topic of Presentation	Recognizing Pride Month
Topic or Issue	<p>I am a teacher within the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).</p> <p>The TCDSB recognizes through events the diversity of many of its students (that is, diversity as listed in the Ontario Human Rights Code, such as race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, sex, and more). Examples of such events include African Canadian Heritage Month, Polish Heritage Day, Asian Heritage Month, & International Women's Day. Such events are considered important in promoting a sense of inclusion for TCDSB students.</p> <p>However, the TCDSB does not recognize any event (a day, a week, a month) which celebrates the sexual diversity of a minority of students who identify as LGBTQ. (LGBTQ is the term used by the TCDSB in its Equity Action Plan for students within this sexual diversity minority.)</p>
Details	<p>It is unfair to the TCDSB's LGBTQ students to continue not to be recognized officially in events by the TCDSB for their identities related to their sexual diversity, while the TCDSB actively recognizes student diversity for other identities. The TCDSB relies on the external general recognition of events when adopting its own recognition (for example, International Women's Day).</p> <p>Pride Month is recognized generally as an event to celebrate the sexual diversity of LGBTQ students. The TCDSB has not recognized Pride Month previously (or to my awareness, it has not recognized any event that celebrates the sexual diversity of its LGBTQ students).</p>
Action Requested	The Toronto Catholic District School Board should move promptly to recognize Pride Month in June 2020

I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	Yes
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)	No
I am an official representative of student government	No
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	No
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14	Yes
Submittal Date	4/19/2020