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To: Special Board Meeting , June 18, 2020

From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

Subject: Consideration of Motion: Chrome Books distributed for Distance Learning remain with students until Graduation

MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: Due to COVID 19, the TCDSB conducted a Technology Survey to identify students and families that needed assistance to learn online and what devices they had or needed. Based on the results of the survey, the Board acquired and distributed over 8,000 encrypted Google Chrome Books to facilitate distance learning to students that did not have devices;

WHEREAS: The need for these devices is an ongoing need and the devices play a key part in providing equitable access to education to TCDSB students;

WHEREAS: The devices have proven to be highly effective and are a cost efficient method for the Board to facilitate access to online learning;

WHEREAS: The need for these devices will not end in September and that the economic status of families may not improve in the next few months or even years;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB has an obligation through its equity initiatives to give all students in need an equal opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS: The Chrome Books were purchased by the Board without funding from the Ministry of Education.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the TCDSB allow the students who have currently been provided with a Google Chrome Book to keep these devices until they graduate from the Board or leave the TCDSB;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: That the TCDSB send a letter to Minister Lecce requesting full reimbursement of the expense of the devices as the Ministry required the TCDSB to implement an online learning platform;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: That the TCDSB work with Rogers Communications to make families aware of the Rogers “Connect for Success” Program that provides inexpensive internet access to families in need;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: That the TCDSB establish a help line specifically for tech support of these devices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: That the TCDSB acquire an internet safety training program for students.

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