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**To:** Special Board Meeting , June 18, 2020

**From:** Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

**Subject:** REVISED Consideration of Motion: iPads and Chrome Books distributed for Distance Learning remain with students until June 2021

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

**WHEREAS:** Due to COVID 19, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (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 encrypted 6,000 Google Chrome Books and 4,000 iPads 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 student;

**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 and the iPads leased 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 or iPads to keep these devices until June 2021 or leave the TCDSB;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the TCDSB send a letter to Minister Lecce requesting an ongoing commitment to funding of the expense of devices as the Ministry required the TCDSB to implement an online learning platform;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the TCDSB work with Rogers Communications to make families aware of the Rogers “Connect for Success” Program or a similar program by another internet provider that provides inexpensive internet access to families in need;

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the TCDSB establish a help line specifically for technical support of these devices; and

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

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