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

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

**Subject: Notice of Motion –** Position of the TCDSB regarding Cannabis dispensary locations near schools, parks and community centres.

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

**WHEREAS:** The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is the regulator and approval authority for Cannabis retailers;

**WHEREAS:** Cannabis shops in Toronto are located in close proximity to schools, public parks and community centres;

**WHEREAS:** Many ratepayers have voiced their displeasure over these locations being close to schools and playgrounds;

**WHEREAS:** During the COVID 19 lockdown, the opportunity for public consultation and even public awareness was greatly reduced or in many cases non-existent;

**WHEREAS:** Medical studies have shown, that Cannabis use in teens and young adults under the age of 25, has a significant negative medical impact on users of Cannabis;

**WHEREAS:** The proximity and size of schools is not taken into account when the AGCO grants a license to open a retail location.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The TCDSB send a letter to the AGCO, The Minister of Health and Public Health Ontario stating our opposition to opening Cannabis retail locations within 1 km of a school or park;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** That the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) send a letter to Premier Ford requesting a thorough review of the policies of the AGCO with a view to restrict licenses near schools and parks;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Principals in the TCDSB be made aware of Cannabis retail outlets in their area;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Licenses for new Cannabis locations be put on hold until proper public consultation occurs.

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