



## REPORT TO

## SPECIAL BOARD

### 2020-2021 REVISED SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

*To the sensible person education is like a golden ornament, and like a bracelet on the right arm.  
Sirach 21:21*

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<b>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</b>		

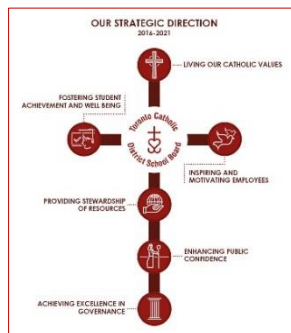
#### Vision:

*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**

This report proposes a revision to the 2020-2021 School Year Calendar as approved at the March 05, 2020 Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting.

The revision would move the June 30, 2021 PA Day to September 1, 2020, and as a result the school year would end on June 29, 2021.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 10 hours*

## **B. PURPOSE**

1. This report is on the agenda as a follow-up to a memorandum from the Minister of Education and Deputy Minister of Education that was sent to Chairs of School Boards and Directors of Education.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. At the March 05, 2020 Student Achievement and Well-Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee Meeting, the Board approved the 2020-2021 School Year report. (Appendix A) The approved calendar dates were listed in Appendix A of that report (Appendix B of this report).
2. On June 30, 2020 the Minister of Education and Deputy Minister of Education sent a memorandum to Chairs of School Boards and Directors of Education that included the statement: “In order to maximize instruction time for students, school boards and school authorities are encouraged to start their school year by September 1. It is also advised that boards schedule three PA days prior to the start of student instruction. There are consultations currently underway with the sector’s stakeholders on PA days and training that may be necessary to prepare for the reopening of school. Further direction will be provided in the future.” (Appendix C)

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. The Academic/Business Advisory Committee (AcBac) Committee members reached consensus on the PA Days for the 2020-2021 calendar prior to the March 05, 2020 report approval.

2. The Academic/Business Advisory Committee (AcBac) Committee members include representatives from each of the following groups:
  - Association of Professional Student Services Personnel;
  - OECTA: Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers;
  - OECTA: Toronto Secondary Unit;
  - CUPE 1280: Caretakers;
  - CUPE 1328: School Based Education Support Staff;  
Office, Clerical and Technical Employees;  
Supervisors of Students / Secondary Schools;  
Adult Education;
  - CUPE 3155: International Language Instructors;
  - ETFO: Toronto Designated Early Childhood Educators
  - Secondary School Principals and Vice Principals Association;
  - Toronto (Elementary) Catholic Principals and Vice Principal Association;
  - Non-union Management, Administrative and Professional Association
3. As a result of consideration of the Minister's memorandum (Appendix C), the revised school year calendar is shown in Appendix D. It proposes moving the PA Day scheduled for Wednesday June 30, 2021 to Tuesday September 1, 2020, and as such the school year would end on Tuesday June 29, 2021. This would afford the staff to have three full days in schools in the week prior to Labour Day, to allow preparation time for the arrival of students on Tuesday September 8, 2020.
4. As per the Minister's memorandum we await further direction regarding the PA day topics for September 1,2 and 3, 2020.
5. The revised calendar change will affect the work schedules of many staff groups.
6. School days for students remain unchanged in the revised calendar proposed change.
7. Each of the groups named above (#2) have been consulted with regard to the change. The only group that has responded in opposition to the proposal is the Toronto Elementary Catholic Teachers.
8. This proposed change will align with the TDSB.

## **E. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Communication Plan:**

The revised 2020-2021 school year calendar will be communicated in the following ways:

1. Email to all staff
2. Email to all CSPC Chairs;
3. Email to the CPIC and OAPCE Presidents;
4. Email to all Principals requesting that they also communicate with staff;
5. TCDSB website will reflect the changes;
6. Director's Bulletin announcement;
7. School Messenger message to all families.
8. Communication in August from Principals to all parent/guardians.

## **F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees approve:

1. The revised school year calendar for the 2020-2021 school year as outlined in Appendix D; and
2. The communication plan outlined in this report.