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To: Special Board Meeting , July 23, 2020

From: Angela Kennedy, Trustee Ward 11

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Board of Trustees Updates from Operational Committees

MOVED BY: Angela Kennedy, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: There are many decisions to be made as we approach September 2020 relating to return to school;

WHEREAS: There may be policy changes necessary to be implemented before school opens;

WHEREAS: There will be Ministry directives, possibly legislation, feedback from parents, students, and teachers to be considered to inform the Board's decisions;

WHEREAS: Under the Education Act the board as a whole is legally accountable for its decisions, no individual trustee has authority to make decisions;

WHEREAS: Our role and responsibility as a corporate board is:

- 1) To make informed decisions so we need information.
- 2) Maintain focus on student achievement and well being.
- 3) Make policy and ensure that it is implemented.
- 4) Advocate on behalf of our ratepayers.
- 5) Hold the Director accountable.

WHEREAS: The way to carry out our responsibilities is with meeting together formally as a corporate board not assigning an individual trustee to be a member of a committee, having the matter appear on an agenda; and

WHEREAS: There is a short timeline to prepare for school re-opening, operational committees will be meeting throughout the summer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Corporate Board of Trustees shall be updated every 2 weeks with information from the committees that are responsible for the following (may not be the complete list):

1. Return to School
2. Transportation
3. Health and Safety
4. Communication
5. Staff engagement
6. Parent engagement
7. Special education
8. Mental Health
9. Nurturing our Catholic Community
10. Student Nutrition
11. Facilities
12. Daycares and before and after school programs

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of trustees be given an opportunity to provide feedback before decisions are made that will impact the learning environment caused by Covid-19 Pandemic. Since 169.1 Education Act requires that Boards are accountable for their fiscal and overall performance and for academic achievement and well being of students and staff. Boards are also responsible for effectively communicating to parents and larger community;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Director of Education shall bring any and all major decisions re return to school to the Corporate Board of Trustees before the decision is finalized;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT: This motion be discussed at the meeting that it is tabled at as a Notice of motion because the delay for discussion and decision will have negative impact on the students and their families.