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**To:** Special Board Meeting, July 23, 2020

**From:** Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5

**Subject:** Consideration of Motion – Graduation Ceremonies for the Class of 2020

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**MOVED BY:** Maria Rizzo, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**SECONDED BY:** Norm Di Pasquale, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**WHEREAS:** Due to Covid-19, students were unable to celebrate graduation in the traditional ways;

**WHEREAS:** Families were saddened that they were unable to recognize and acknowledge their sons and daughters of the class of 2020;

**WHEREAS:** Many school communities acknowledged graduating students in different and varied ways at the end of the school year;

**WHEREAS:** Students and parents were disappointed with the inconsistent methods adopted by each school community to celebrate the graduates;

**WHEREAS:** Parents and students have requested that graduating students be formally acknowledged by holding commencement ceremonies when possible;

**WHEREAS:** Some schools are planning for graduation ceremonies when health protocols are lifted; and

**WHEREAS:** Some school communities are not planning any further ceremonies to recognize graduates.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That all school communities plan and hold graduation celebrations for the Classes of 2020 whenever it is possible to do so based on public health protocols.