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To: Special Board Meeting , August 14, 2020

From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

Subject: Notice of Motion – Readjustment of all TCDSB classroom windows to allow for proper air circulation

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

WHEREAS: In the SickKids’ June 17, 2020 report entitled, “COVID-19: Recommendations for School Reopening” ventilation was cited as an important element of a safe return to school;

WHEREAS: On page 15 of this report, it states: “Adequately ventilated classroom environments (e.g. open windows with air flow, improved airflow through ventilation systems and reduction in recirculated air) are expected to be associated with a less likelihood of transmission compared with poorly ventilated settings;

WHEREAS: The report further states: attention should be paid to improving classroom ventilation as well as keeping windows open to help circulate air within the classrooms;

WHEREAS: TCDSB classrooms currently have very poor fresh air circulation due to the City of Toronto bylaws that restrict the opening of classroom windows to four inches;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees direct the Chair to write a letter forthwith to the City of Toronto imploring the City to review the current bylaw that limits the opening of windows to a maximum of four inches;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The letter should also request an immediate exemption be given to the TCDSB to allow for readjustment of all windows to enable proper airflow into the classrooms.

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