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To: Regular Board Meeting , August 20, 2020

From: Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4

Subject: Reconsideration of TCDSB Gifted Program Online

MOVED BY: Teresa Lubinski, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: The TCDSB Gifted Program is an important part of the Special Education umbrella and whilst all the other identifications have been addressed, the Gifted Program has been temporarily put on hold;

WHEREAS: Placing the Gifted Program on hold is unfair for students in this program, as most depend on this program for connectivity to higher learning and also deserve the same level of consideration as other students;

WHEREAS: Most of the students who attend the gifted program feel challenged and consider this to be the best part of their school week;

WHEREAS: The students in the Gifted Program benefit by learning with like minded individuals who are engaged in competitions and other work that involve a greater depth which differs greatly from their regular classroom assignments;

WHEREAS: During the shut down, the gifted students were still able to engage with their teachers through daily conferences and collaborative online activities including long term assignments;

WHEREAS: The social emotional learning that takes place in the Gifted Program is a valuable asset, especially at this time, as most students look forward to attending the Gifted Program;

WHEREAS: The Gifted Program should continue online as it did last year during the shutdown;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Gifted Withdrawal Program be offered virtually to the child in their home environment. For those students unable to remain at home, the classroom teacher will address the IEP for Gifted and provide the required enrichment activities

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