



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Delegation No. _____

- Public Session
- Private Session
- Three (3) Minutes

Name	Magdy Awad
Committee	Regular / Special Board
Date of Presentation	9/3/2020
Topic of Presentation	Admission to Toronto Catholic School a student from York (St.Peter Catholic School)
Topic or Issue	York (St Peter Catholic School) GRADE 1 Student has moved to Toronto and is refused of being admitted to Toronto Catholic School due to the fact that she is baptized ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
Details	<p>Our family has moved from Woodbridge Vaughan Ontario to Etobicoke Toronto Ontario. Giorgia, our 6 years old daughter, has been attending York Catholic School at St. Peter Catholic Elementary School for 2 years from junior to senior kindergarten.</p> <p>When we tried to register Giorgia in St. John Vianney Catholic School in Toronto she was rejected because she is baptized in Orthodox Church. When asked why she was able to initiate in catholic education in St. Peter but unable to continue in St. John Vianney, the Catholic Schools are not the same as Toronto Catholic Schools.</p> <p>This was perceived as a void reason, given that we are pursuing a Catholic education for Giorgia in order to support us as parents to guide our daughter into the Gospel values and Catholic virtues, those that are shared by both Catholic Roman and Christian Orthodox Churches.</p> <p>Catholic School enables children to enter into a deeper relationship with God through prayer, reflection, discussion and study. It introduces children into the Catholic faith and way of life, and so prepares them to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and to be welcomed fully into the church. Giorgia has already been introduced to faith and practicing it. We do not believe it would be beneficial for her to attend a non-faith school.</p> <p>It may seem it has been a regular practice in Ontario for many years for children to attend Catholic school while not being a Catholic:</p> <p>https://www.thestar.com/yourtoronto/education/2014/08/29/ontario_catholic_elementary_school_of_all_faiths.html</p>

We have found similar cases documented:

<https://tcdsbpublishing.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=8602>

We are hoping that after so many years the errors of the past are not repeated and that inclusion and non-segregation policies of Catholic School are truly exercised.

We respectfully ask you to comment on the situation and explain to us why our daughter is refused a Catholic Education in Toronto.

Action Requested

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St. John Vianney and other Toronto Catholic schools to admit Giorgia as a student and kindly support her Catholic education.

I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf

Yes /TD>

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)

No

I am an official representative of student government

I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization

No

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14

Yes

Submittal Date

9/3/2020