



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Delegation No. _____

Public Session

Private Session

Three (3) Minutes

Name	Rachel Thomas
Committee	Student Achievement and Well-Being Catholic Education Human Resources
Date of Presentation	9/3/2020
Topic of Presentation	Safety at high schools
Topic or Issue	I am very concerned about the safety of the opening plans and the amount of hygiene theatre happening within the Board.
Details	<p>It is far safer for high schools to offer am classes to P1A cohort and pm classes to P1B cohort instead of running study hall with multiple cohorts together. Additionally, it has been shown, and TPH presented, that contact transmission (transmission through surfaces) is rare and not the main way COVID is transmitted. The removal of shared materials within the classroom (atlases, textbooks, play materials in JK, books, etc.) is overkill and part of hygiene theatre. Removing microwaves, but not fridges is another example. Hand hygiene should be stressed over removi g materials from classrooms. Especially if at the high school level, classes will be rotating weekly, leaving the weekend for materials to "quarantine".</p> <p>Additionally, I do not see the TCDSB looking earnestly looking for additional space/outdoor options to help reduce class sizes or the spread of COVID. An example is Mother Teresa high school. The entire school has 300 students returning, leaving well over half the building empty, while local TCDSB elementary schools with more than 300 students to sit in larger class sizes. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is being used to house staff that could work from home, instead of using it to reduce class sizes.</p>
Action Requested	I am requesting that hygiene theatre be ceased and that the Board review and change their policies on space use, material use, and study hall.
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	Yes

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	
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14	
Submittal Date	9/2/2020