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To: Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee Meeting, October 1, 2020

From: Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5

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

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.