



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Public Session

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Three (3) Minutes

Name	Marianna Kaminska + Olena Shklar
Committee	Student Achievement and Well-Being Catholic Education Human Resources
Date of Presentation	11/4/2020
Topic of Presentation	JCS Staffing Changes
Topic or Issue	Josyf Cardinal Slipyj CSPC response to the JCS staffing changes that have been communicated by the Board to the school's administration.
Details	<p>November 3, 2020</p> <p>To: Dr. Brendan Browne, Director of Education, TCDSB, Joseph Martino, Chair of the Board of Trustees, TCDSB and Flora Cifelli, Superintendent for Area 1, TCDSB</p> <p>CC: Trustee Markus de Domenico</p> <p>As CSPC co-chairs, we are here today to delegate on behalf of 348 (70%) students and their families at Josyf Cardinal Slipyj (JCS) School, which are being directly impacted by the most recent staffing changes communicated by the Board to the school administration. In addition to the loss of ECE a few days before the school start, the school is now losing a teacher and all students from FDK to Gr.5 will face the consequences of this solely financial decision by the staff at the School Board. At the time when Covid-19 cases are growing daily, 13 classes at JCS will now be at and above the class size caps. As a result of this latest decision by the Board, cohorts of students, that the school administration and staff were so carefully protecting, would now mix. Students will spend their days at full capacity classrooms. Some will lose a teacher and will have to get used to a new teacher and new classmates two months into already difficult school year. Mental and physical health of 348 students at JCS will be affected by this decision.</p>

The fact that JCS is one of only three Eastern Rite Catholic schools in Etobicoke and thus it has much wider borders comparing to other schools at TCDSB, is being overlooked by the Board yet again; the fact that almost forty students are being bussed and attending school from Covid-19 hot zones is also being overlooked by the Board. Instead of responding to a motion posted by our trustee requesting the Board to designate JCS a Q5 school based on the above two facts, the school is facing further reduction to staff.

At the time, when Toronto Public Health officials recommend reducing class sizes to keep our students safe in the midst of the pandemic, the opposite is being done at JCS. Numbers take precedence over the health and safety of our children. This is being done again and again over the past few years. Two years ago, students were waiting for their school busses at JCS for up to an hour as they were shared with St. Gregory's, now the students will be huddled at and over capacity in the midst of the pandemic.

We look to the Director of the Board and our area's Superintendent to recognize that mixing student cohorts and filling up classrooms to their maximum capacity and even beyond, in some classes, in the midst of the pandemic are against the Board's health and safety protocol, communicated to school administration at the beginning of this school year. School Board must live by the rules and principles they set for the health and safety of the students and stop the cuts to staff at JCS.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request!

Respectfully,

CSPC Co-Chairs: Marianna Kaminska and Olena Shklar on behalf of JCS
CSPC

Action Requested

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	<p>to school administration at the beginning of this school year. School Board must live by the rules and principles they set for the health and safety of the students and stop the cuts to staff at JCS.</p> <p>We ask the Board to reconsider the staffing changes to Josyf Cardinal Slipyj as they have been communicated to the school.</p>
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I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	No
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)	Yes Josyf Cardinal Slipyj Co-Chairs
I am an official representative of student government	No
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	11/3/2020