



Let's Get Together

"Helping Parents Support Student Success"

November 4, 2020

Dear CPIC Executive Team & Members,

On behalf of Let's Get Together, I formally request consideration to join the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) as a Community Representative for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Let's Get Together is an incorporated non profit organization that creates opportunities for students, parents & communities to access resources that provide educational assistance and supports well-being. We strive to encourage healthy parent involvement and inspire youth in their learning while making learning equitable, accessible and adaptable.

Our organization has worked directly with families across Ontario through various projects and partnerships. Through this pandemic, we've been able to adapt our initiatives so they continue to be accessible to as many families, schools and family-focused organizations as possible. Most notably is our Creating Tech Savvy Communities Initiative, which focuses on helping marginalized communities across Ontario access their own computers and internet support so they can connect to our growing number of Canadian student-driven initiatives that we support. Our end goal is to encourage everyone to continue their pursuit for higher education.

Research shows education is key to breaking cycles of poverty, improving the economy, increasing positive mental health, and much more. However, education is not the only key factor. Parent involvement and faith also play a large role in one's success especially during this pandemic period where many experience struggle and oftentimes feel alone. As a Catholic parent and raising a child in Catholic Faith who attends Monsignor Percy Johnson Catholic High School, I believe faith will help many, including my family, during this time.

As a community advocate in education, active resident in my local and marginalized community of Ward 1, parent to three children (14, 25, 28 years), I understand, empathize and have lived the many challenges families and communities face. I can bring a wealth of resources, both local and global, and different perspectives to our committee discussions that I hope will help address the needs and gaps we face as a school board, a parent committee and as parents.

I appreciate your consideration and encourage you to contact me at 416-302-8349.

Sincerely,
Alison Canning, **Executive Director**