



Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Membership Application

Individuals must complete the following application form for consideration to be a member of TCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC).

Position applying for:



Community
Member

OR



Local Associations Membership

Surname:	Feldman	First Name:	Geoffrey
Main Contact Number:		Alternate Contact Number:	
E-mail address:			
Child(ren)'s School(s):	Father John Redmond CSS		
Organization Name:	Ontario Disability Coalition		
Organization Address:	5 Skywood Drive, Richmond Hills, Ontario, L4E 4L2		
Main Contact Person:	Sherry Caldwell		
Main Contact Number:	416-903-5067		
1. To which other TCDSB parent organizations do you presently belong:			
<input type="checkbox"/> CSAC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPIC <input type="checkbox"/> TAPCE <input type="checkbox"/> None			
2. List the community organizations/groups in which you are currently a member and provide a brief outline of your role within each of these organizations: Ontario Disability Coalition - Director role to assist with mangement, wordpress, and advocacy. Ontario Genetics Advisory Committee - Parent Advisor - Ontario Health - setting policy for genetic procedures in the Province of Ontario. Genomics ADVISER 2.0 - Parent Advisor - revise web-page that informs patients on genomic testing and results. Ontario Health - part of Health Quality team of Parent Advisors - setting quality care measures, policy & info booklets for the Province of Ontario.			
3. Briefly outline the reasons why you are interested in being a member of this committee: My daughter is my SN teacher as she is a member of the community of youth that require additional assistance. As my role in CPIC is winding down after serving since its conception in 2007, I am looking to other committees that can use my experience and knowledge.			
4. Please identify and explain any related personal and/or professional experiences which you have that would assist you in the role of a committee member: As a business consultant and a parent of a wonderful daughter with multiple exceptionalities caused by an extremely rare syndrome I have spent many years advocating for her at school and at Ontario Parliament for all children, youth and adults with a disability. I am on various committees at Health Quality Ontario which is part of Ontario Health adding a parent perspective to Ontario Health quality standards			
5. Would your personal and/or professional experiences place you in a Conflict of Interest in regards to being a member of this Committee: <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> YES Please explain:			
6. Have you been selected to be part of another TCDSB Committee within the past 12 months? <input type="radio"/> NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES Please specify the Committee:			
Secretary of Toronto Catholic PIC.			



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7. Do you support the Catholic Mission/Vision of TCDSB?

Yes I do

8. Provide any additional comments to be considered in regards to your participation on this committee: Toronto CPIC is entering a new phase of leadership of the parent voice. As many of the TCDSB Staff and Trustees know I can work with others, represent and delegate parent viewpoints, used to Committee process including Robert's Rules.

Completed membership application form and request for nomination letter submitted by Geoffrey Feldman to the attention of the Director of Education and SEAC Chair via email to:

rory.mcguickin@tcdsb.org & nancy.crawford@tcdsb.org

Date:

Important

- All nominations shall be made in writing by the executive of the local chapter to the Director of Education/Secretary of the board no later than October 31st in the year of the Board's election.
- The appointment of members will be made at the Inaugural Meeting of the Board.

For further details on the Policy for the Special Education Advisory Committee, please refer to Policy No. A23 on the TCDSB website at:

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Documents/A23.pdf>

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Thursday, October 1 2020

Toronto Catholic District School Board
Catholic Education Centre
80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto Ontario M2N 6E8

Attention: Trustee Nancy Crawford, Chair SEAC Committee,
Dr. Brendon Browne, Director of Education

I'm writing to highly recommend Geoff Feldman as a representative for Toronto Catholic District School Boards, Special Education Advisory Committee. Geoff Feldman, has been a long-time volunteer with the Ontario Disability Coalition since it was established in 2017. He is a passionate change maker, who works collaboratively and diligently to ensure ALL students have equitable education opportunities and access to health services they require to reach their full potential.

The Ontario Disability Coalition (ODC) is a grassroots coalition that was established in 2017 to be the voice of disabled individuals, parents, caregivers, and health service professionals. Our primary goal is to advocate for health care services that a person needs to find their way towards achieving as normal a life as possible. Our secondary goal is to ensure that all publicly funded services, have minimal wait times, are fully accessible and flexible to meet the needs of all disabled individuals. We are willing to assist with policy development related to issues of children, youth and adults with disabilities. We will co-operate where possible with other organizations and advocates for individuals with disabilities. We will assist with and support the efforts of parents, caregivers and professionals to meet the needs of people with disabilities. We will preach accountability and transparency with all publicly funded or public supported health services.

Sincerely,



Sherry Caldwell
Co-Founder, Ontario Disability Coalition

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