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To: Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee Meeting , December 3, 2020

From: Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4

Subject: For the Toronto Catholic District School Board To Commemorate Canada's First National Internment Operations (1914-1920)

MOVED BY: Teresa Lubinski, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: On October 28, Canadians from many backgrounds commemorated Canada's First National Internment Operations – the forced internment of 8,579 Ukrainians and other Europeans who were branded 'enemy aliens' and sent to 24 internment camps across Canada between 1914 and 1920;

WHEREAS: Men, women, and children suffered during Canada's First National Internment Operations, not because of anything they had done, but only because of who they were and where they had come from;

WHEREAS: On this day, we remember the victims of this injustice and we are united in our resolve to bring an end to prejudice and discrimination, wherever they may appear;

WHEREAS: All Canadians are encouraged to mark this important day of commemoration in their communities;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB Ukrainian Canadian Advisory Committee requested that our Board Commemorates Canada's First National Internment Operations 100th anniversary in 2020 and every October 28 thereafter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The TCDSB adopt October 28 of each year as *Annual Internment Commemoration Day* in recognition of Ukrainians and other Europeans who were interned in Canada during the First World War;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The TCDSB acknowledge the year 2020, as the 100th anniversary of the closing of the internment camps in 1920.

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