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To: Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee, January 14, 2021

From: Norm Di Pasquale, Trustee Ward 9

Subject: Consideration of Motion: Expunging of Discretionary Kindergarten – Grade 3 Suspensions

MOVED BY: Norm Di Pasquale, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: The Ontario Government recently amended O. Reg. 440/20 of the *Education Act* to remove the discretion of the principal to suspend students in junior kindergarten to Grade 3 for activities listed in subsection 306(1) of the *Education Act*, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, and;

WHEREAS: Positive experiences in the early years are key to laying the foundation for future success, and;

WHEREAS: Whereas suspension records that remain on a student's OSR have the potential to create bias towards children and affect their future success.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: All suspensions on student records that are no longer permitted under the newly amended O. Reg 440/20 regarding discretionary suspension of children up to and including grade 3, be expunged from their OSR and Safe Schools database.

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