



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION POLICY S.S.01
UPDATE

Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
Luke 18:16

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

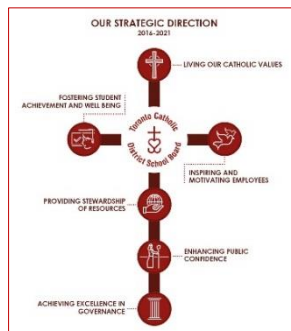
Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends updating the current Suspension and Expulsion Policy SS.01 to align with changes made to the Education Act on July 30, 2020, through Ontario Regulation 440/20 – Suspension of Elementary School Pupils. The Regulation has eliminated discretionary suspensions (subsection 306(1) of the Education Act) for students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3, starting in the 2020-21 school year. Policy SS.01 was also reviewed through a trauma-informed equity lens and was updated to include terms that reflect prohibited grounds of discrimination in Ontario.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 20 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends revision to the Suspension and Expulsion Policy SS.01 due to Ontario Regulation 440/20.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Suspension and Expulsion Policy SS.01 was first approved in November 2014 and has been amended in August 2016 and in June 2019. The Policy is scheduled for regular review in February 2024.
2. Changes to this policy reflect current practice and alignment with changes made to the Education Act on July 30, 2020, through Ontario Regulation 440/20.
3. Field Superintendents and school Principals were advised of the changes to the Education Act eliminating discretionary suspensions for students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3 via email on September 10, 2020, and at Principals' meetings on September 16th and 17th, 2020.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

This policy has been amended in consultation with staff from the Safe Schools Department, the Equity, Diversity, Indigenous Education and Community Relations Department, the Special Services Department, the Field Superintendents and Legal Services.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by policy development staff.
2. Further reports will be brought to Board in accordance with the policy review schedule.

F. IMPLEMENTATION

1. The updated policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the revised Suspension and Expulsion Policy SS.01 provided in Report Appendix A and the Operational Procedures (Report Appendix B) be approved.