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To: Corporate Services: February 11, 2021

From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Proposed Bell time optimization at 15 schools

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MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: Parents have recently been made aware of the Board's Policy to optimize bell times in 15 schools; St. Angela, St. John Vianney, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Demetrius, St. Simon, St. Josaphat, St. Jerome, St. Raphael, St. Robert, St. Clare, D'Arcy McGee, St. Bernard, St. Francis Xavier, St. Matthew and St. Brigid;

WHEREAS: This proposed Bell Time optimization will change the school start times at these 15 schools from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. effective September 2021;

WHEREAS: Parents are struggling with a precarious employment environment during the COVID crisis and the proposed change in start times will put an unnecessary hardship on our families as they will struggle to balance getting to work with the proposed school start times;

WHEREAS: I have canvassed parents in my Ward and heard from many parents in other Wards through social media sites. The vast majority of parents object to the proposed change and to the lack of an opportunity to come to the Board and voice their opposition to it;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board maintains the current Bell times at the affected 15 schools.

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