



**TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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Delegation No. \_\_\_\_

Public Session

Private Session

Three (3) Minutes

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Name	Karen Ratcliffe	
Committee	Regular / Special Board	
Date of Presentation	2/18/2021	
Topic of Presentation	Masking of JK/SK in TCDSB	
Topic or Issue	Masking of JK/SK in TCDSB schools. Sick Kids have updated their guidance as it relates to School Operation during the Pandemic. Top doctors from Ontario's major healthcare centers explicitly state that they do not recommend kindergarten children be masked in schools.	
Details	<p>The guidance from Sick Kids is now "for elementary school students, there was a lack of consensus around masking recommendation, but most agreed that in areas of moderate to high community transmission, NMMs should be recommended in this age group. There was agreement that masking should not be mandated in kindergarten". This recommendation can be found in the section "Considerations for the Safe Continued Operation of Schools", subsection 5.</p> <p>These guidelines have also been endorsed by Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and The Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC).</p>	
Action Requested	Please use this opportunity to updated TCDSB/s initial masking mandate and remove the expectation for kindergarten students to wear masks in school. The website should be updated and directives to staff should be communicated as soon as practical.	
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf		Yes
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)		No
I am an official representative of student government		No
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization		No
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14		Yes
Submittal Date	2/17/2021	