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**To:** Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee, April 8, 2021

**From:** Norm Di Pasquale, Trustee Ward 9

**Subject:** Notice of Motion: PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS:** Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in counties around the world;

**WHEREAS:** Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone;

**WHEREAS:** Epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada;

**WHEREAS:** The public is often unable to recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and

**WHEREAS:** Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26th annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** TCDSB proclaim March 26th of every year “Purple Day” in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness at the TCDSB; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** TCDSB Students be encouraged to wear something purple in support of epilepsy awareness.

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