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To: Student Achievement, May 6, 2021

From: Daniel Di Giorgio, Trustee Ward 10

Subject: Consideration of Motion – International Languages

MOVED BY: Daniel Di Giorgio, Toronto Catholic District School Board, **SECONDED BY:** Joe Martino

WHEREAS: The International Languages Program used to be offered in the “extended day” format. This meant that in elementary schools with IL, the school day schedule was extended by 30 minutes enabling the TCDSB to comply with Section 3(1) Reg 298 of the Education Act - Minimum of 5hrs(300min) a day of instructional programming;

WHEREAS: The existing “integrated day” delivery model appears to contradict the Education Act under the guise of a pilot program, approved by the Ministry of Education and previous Board of trustees, without a definitive ending date;

WHEREAS: Parents should be afforded a fair and reasonable opportunity to withdraw their child from a program which deprives their child of the Ministry mandated 300 minutes of core curriculum instruction;

WHEREAS: The existing International Languages Policy SP.05 has avoided any revision since 2003 (when the program was delivered in a different format) and has an unrealistic threshold of 90% for those communities wishing to withdraw from the program;

WHEREAS: Whereas I brought forward a suggested policy revision over 6 months ago but it has yet to be reviewed by the Governance and Policy Committee which the Board referred it to; and

WHEREAS: The Board, through a lack of action combined with the implicit approval of the Ministry of Education is violating a fundamental provision of the Education Act during a time when every minute of instructional time has arguably become increasingly valuable.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Any pending or new requests from a school community to review the viability of an existing IL program submitted prior to May 31st 2021, be eligible to survey their respective school communities under the terms approved by the previous Board of trustees for the survey conducted in 2018. (i.e. 67% return rate for results to be viable and 51% majority for the preferred selection); and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: That the Board of trustees suspend the above mentioned portions of policy SP.05 for these school communities to facilitate a fair and democratic survey and corresponding implementation in the 2021-2022 school year.

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