

Good evening Ms. Rizzo,

I'm a constituent in your ward and I am also a Catholic teacher with the TCDSB. I'm writing to offer my support for the motion to fly the Pride flag during Pride month. After the roller coaster of this year for the TCDSB with many of our most vulnerable students feeling unsupported and unrepresented, families under attack and identities treated as criminal acts the board needs to see some positive change in support of our learners. I truly believe this action would not only set a precedent but could quite literally save lives. With further isolation for our students during this third wave and a disconnect from community and for some, the safe spaces of school buildings, our students need to know they have our support, and a safe second home to come to.

Thank you for your advocacy on this matter, and for your continued support for our LGBTQIA2+ students.

Sincerely,

Elyse Hartmann