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To: Student Achievement and Well-Being Committee, May 6, 2021

From: Norm Di Pasquale, Trustee Ward 9

Subject: Consideration of Motion: PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY
AWARENESS PROCLAMATION

MOVED BY: Norm Di Pasquale, Toronto Catholic District School Board,
SECONDED BY: Ida Li Preti

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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