



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY  
COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO EXTERNAL RESEARCH CONDUCTED IN  
THE TCDSB - POLICY S.19

*"An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."* Proverbs 18:15  
(NRSVCE)

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

**Vision:**

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

**Mission:**

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report recommends revisions to External Research Conducted in the TCDSB Policy S.19.

*The cumulative staff time dedicated to developing this report was 10 hours.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

The update of the TCDSB Policy S.19 External Research Conducted in the TCDSB is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee of May 4, 2021.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. TCDSB Policy S.19 Research Conducted in the TCDSB, 1988, was revised and approved on May 30, 2013. It was renamed “*External Research Conducted in the TCDSB*” as it addresses requests by external institutions, organizations and individuals.
2. As per TCDSB Policy S.19, each year, there is an annual report to Board outlining the studies that were approved during the previous year. In February 2016, there was a board motion to include a summary of previous external research findings, where available. Policy S.19 was revised and approved on May 13, 2016.
3. The policy appeared at the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Governance and Policy Committee Meeting.

## **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. TCDSB Policy S.19 External Research Conducted in the TCDSB was reviewed and updated without substantive changes (Appendix A).
2. Any external institution, organization or individual who wants to conduct research activities in the TCDSB must submit an application to the Board for approval. The Application and Guidelines document is updated each year and the current version has been included for reference (Appendix B).

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. An annual information report on approved external research shall be presented to the Board.
2. The annual report shall include a summary of previous external research findings, where available.

## **F. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Governance and Policy Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Policy S.19 External Research Conducted in the TCDSB (Appendix A) and the accompanying External Application and Guidelines (Appendix B).