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To: Corporate Services Committee, June 8, 2021

From: Nancy Crawford, Trustee Ward 12

Subject: Consideration of Motion: Flag Flying Protocol throughout the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB)

MOVED BY: Nancy Crawford, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: The National Flag of Canada is a symbol of honour and pride for all Canadians. The TCDSB has proudly flown the Canadian flag with respect and patriotism since 1965, when the red maple leaf officially replaced the Red Ensign or the Union Jack;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB voted on May 6, 2021 to fly the Pride flag during the month of June and the TCDSB has previously flown other flags, such as the Autism flag;

WHEREAS: The Department of Canadian Heritage provides guidelines on Canadian Flag etiquette and rules;

WHEREAS: It is expected over time that the TCDSB will receive other requests from groups asking the Board to fly their flag;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB does not have adequate flag pole infrastructure at the present time, to give the Canadian Flag the respect of flying above all other flags on its own flag pole; and

WHEREAS: The TCDSB does not have a flag flying policy and protocol, and therefore does not have criteria to apply in a consistent manner to make decisions in response to such requests.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board refer the matter of researching and developing a flag raising draft policy to staff and that staff bring this draft policy to the Governance and Policy committee for review at the September committee meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff review the Canadian Heritage section of the Canada.ca website specifically the Canadian flag etiquette and rules and include pertinent regulations in the draft policy; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Staff provide cost estimates for construction of additional flag poles, to be included in the report to the September Governance and Policy Committee meeting.

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