



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

FAIR PRACTICE IN HIRING AND PROMOTION H.M.40

“And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” (Gn 1:20)

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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 a significant revision of the Board's current Fair Practice in Hiring and Promotion Policy H.M.40 in response to direction from the Ministry of Education as stipulated in the Ministry's Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 165 - Teacher Hiring Practices. The required revisions address three primary areas: diversity and inclusion; conflicts of interest and teacher hiring.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 25 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends policy revision.
2. Additionally the policy has been revised to include changes to hiring processes outlined in the Ministry of Education Program and Policy Memorandum 165 Teacher Hiring Practices.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Policy on Fair Practice in Hiring and Promotion H.M.40 (Appendix C) was first approved in September 26, 2013 and was later amended on May 17, 2018.
2. Changes to this policy reflect current practice and alignment with related policies Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education Policy H.M. 24 and Employment Equity Policy H.M.11.
3. The Ministry of Education revoked Ontario Regulation 274/12 – Hiring Practices in October 2020. This Regulation governed hiring practices for teachers at TCDSB and other boards in Ontario.
4. Following this revocation, boards including the TCDSB were directed by the Ministry of Education to develop and adopt a teacher hiring policy based on components outlined in Policy/Program Memorandum 165 to replace Regulation 274.
5. The PPM 165 was issued on February 22nd, 2021 and boards were required to have an associated policy in place effective March 31st, 2021.

6. The required policy components stipulated by PPM 165 were as follows: Qualifications and Merit; Diversity, Equity and Human Rights; Employment Mobility; Fairness and Transparency and Monitoring and Evaluation.
7. In order to comply with the Ministry's direction, TCDSB has taken steps to revise its existing Fair Practices in Hiring and Promotion Policy by incorporating components of PPM 165.
8. Consultations were conducted internally within the Board and externally with a number of community advisory groups.
9. The policy appeared at the Governance and Policy Committee on May 4th, 2021.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

This policy has been amended in consultation with staff from the Human Resources, the Equity Department, Community Advisory Groups, Field Superintendents and Legal Services.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by Human Resources staff.
2. Further reports will be brought to Board in accordance with the policy review schedule.

F. IMPLEMENTATION

The updated policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.

G. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Governance and Policy Committee recommends that the revised Fair Practice in Hiring and Promotion H.M.40 provided in Appendix A, and the accompanying Operation Procedures provided in Appendix B, be adopted.