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**To: Regular Board Meeting: August 19, 2021**

**From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2**

**Subject: Notice of Motion – Motion to request the Ministry of Education for provincial menstrual funding.**

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**MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board**

**WHEREAS:** The TCDSB had unanimously passed a motion during the November 14 Corporate Services Committee Meeting to provide free menstrual products in all TCDSB schools;

**WHEREAS:** The board has been unable to provide free menstrual products for our secondary and elementary schools, due to the lack of funding;

**WHEREAS:** The return to school plan released by the Ministry of Education has committed to having students attend in-person every single day, and the need for menstrual products are higher than ever;

**WHEREAS:** Lack of access due to the economic factors that impact girls and women around the world has worsened with the pandemic, as many families lost jobs and are unable to pay their financial dues;

**WHEREAS:** The Toronto District School Board sent a letter to Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce asking for funding for free menstrual products in all schools in the province; and

**WHEREAS:** Other school boards, such as Waterloo Region District School Board and York Region District School Board have also expressed their support in the Toronto Youth Cabinet's call for free menstrual products in all Ontario school boards.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Chair of the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education to request provincial funding in order to provide free menstrual products in all schools within the province.

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