



REPORT TO

## GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

### UPDATED POLICY ON SAFE SCHOOLS POLICIES S.S.01 AND S.S.12

*"Obey the government, for God is the One who has put it there. There is no government anywhere that God has not placed in power. So those who refuse to obey the law of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow." Romans 13:1-2*

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### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

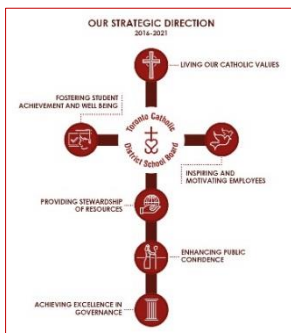
**Vision:**

*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 an update to the Safe School policies S.S.01 and S.S.12 at the Toronto Catholic District School Board to conform with current legal requirements and policies, and to accurately reflect current practices.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 5 hours.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends an update to the two Safe School policies.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. Changes to the S.S.01 and S.S.12 policies are being recommended in order to accurately reflect practices and criteria used when considering a Safe Schools transition of a student.
2. Although these criteria have consistently been considered when transitioning students to a new school placement as a result of a Safe Schools matter, not all these criteria were reflected in policy.
3. In an effort to provide consistency throughout all Safe Schools policies, the outlined revisions are recommended.
4. The revisions also serve to highlight the criteria related to geographical/demographic considerations, including concerns related to community and family circumstances.
5. An additional criteria has been added to address extenuating circumstances when in-person learning may not be possible. In such circumstances, virtual programming will be considered.

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

This policy has been amended in consultation with staff from the Safe Schools, Special Services, and Equity, Diversity, Indigenous Education and Community Relations Departments, the Human Rights and Equity Advisor Office, Field Superintendents and Legal Services.

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by policy development 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. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the updated policies attached in Appendices A, B, C and D adopted.