

**Notice of Motion: Recommendation that ME Staff use Clear Mouth Shields**

**Moved By: Geoffrey Feldman, SEAC Representative for Ontario Disability Coalition**

**Seconded By:**

**Whereas:** The mission of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is to be an Inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ;

**Whereas:** An “Inclusive” school board is one that focuses on educating Special Needs Students who have difficulty with hearing or communication unless they see the complete face and lips of the Staff Member;

**Whereas:** The TCDSB is expected to deliver the necessary services and accommodations to all students;

**Whereas:** The Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Staff have had approved the use of a Clear Mouth Shield made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ (to Follow) for use by hospital teaching staff with multiple exceptionality children and youth who need to view the complete face for full communication and learning;

**Whereas:** Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing or lack communication ability will benefit and become more intently involved when being instructed etc. by ME Staff who communicate through facial expressions and mouth movement; and

**Whereas:** TCDSB should accommodate all students by using all supports needed to communicate and instruct students.

**Therefore be it resolved:** That SEAC recommend to the Board that the responsible staff member research the clear mask shield and make it available to all school staff who wish to use this mask shield to fully communicate, instruct, etc. students who rely upon the full facial expressions that includes lip movement to enable them to provide full and inclusive education.