



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13*

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### First Tabling

September 16, 2021

### Review

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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 provides the Board of Trustees with recommendation from the Special Education Advisory Committee.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 0.5 hour*

## **B. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with recommendation from the Special Education Advisory Committee.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. On June 9, 2021, the Special Education Advisory Committee met.
2. At that meeting, a recommendation to the Board of Trustees was proposed.

## **D. EVIDENCE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee met on June 9, 2021 and a motion regarding Agenda Item 14a) *Consideration of Motion from Deborah Nightingale, SEAC Representative of Association for Bright Children Ontario regarding Grade 4 Assessments, Identification, Placement and Review Committees (IPRCs) and Placements*, was approved by a majority vote as per the Minutes of that meeting included under *Communication* on the Order Page.

## **E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Special Education Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that the following be approved:

**WHEREAS:** The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has committed to creating school communities focused on the success, mental health and well-being of all students, including special education students;

**WHEREAS:** 2020-2021 has been a difficult school year for many students. We agree that we all want to move as quickly as possible to support the recovery and well-being of special education students;

**WHEREAS:** We want all students to be able to start school in the right program and with the necessary supports at the start of 2021-2022; and

**WHEREAS:** TCDSB has not completed some assessments and IPRCs, including those given annually to all Grade 4 students.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Trustees encourage Staff to move as quickly as possible to:

- (1) complete all outstanding OLSAT-8 assessments for all Grade 4 students;
- (2) issue offers of placement for all identified students; and
- (3) allow parents to reply to placement offers at their earliest opportunity.