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To: Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee: October 7, 2021

From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

Subject: Consideration of Motion – To request the Ministry of Education to amend the Education Act to give Student Trustees the right to move and second motions.

MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico, SECONDED BY: Maria Rizzo

WHEREAS: Notice of Motion to request the Ministry of Education to amend the Education Act to give Student Trustees the right to move and second motions;

WHEREAS: Per section 55(5) of the Ontario Education Act Student Trustees have the right to partake in certain in-camera sessions closed to the public, demonstrating the high standing and trustworthiness of Student Trustees;

WHEREAS: The student voice is most effectively communicated by granting Student Trustees equal opportunities to participate in Board functions as other Board Trustees;

WHEREAS: Per section 55(7) of the Ontario Education Act Student Trustees receive equal opportunities to Board trustees, including access to professional development, resources and training;

WHEREAS: Student Trustees are elected representatives, and are to be

held accountable to the student body;

WHEREAS: The student voice must be articulated fairly and expressively for the benefit of the school board;

WHEREAS: The student voice must be represented fairly and articulated expressively for the benefit of the school board and to accurately reflect the students' in decision-making;

WHEREAS: Student Trustees shall have the right to abstain from voting and be counted as equals within the quorum of the entire board;

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Chair of the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Education on behalf of the Toronto Catholic District School Board with copies of local MPPs and other school boards, requesting the Ministry of Education to push for the recommendation in allowing Student Trustees the right to independently move and second motions during board meetings. Doing so furthers the dynamic and effectiveness of student representation across Ontario, as students can begin the discussions surrounding items that they feel are most pertaining to their constituency without the need to request for support.

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