

Consideration of Motion: Recommendation that ME Staff use Clear Mouth Shields

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Whereas: the mission of the 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 ClearMask™ it is a transparent Face Mask used by the 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.

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

Therefore: be it resolved that SEAC recommends to the board that the responsible staff member research the fully transparent, anti-fog masks available to help healthcare providers and essential workers to protect themselves, communicate better, and ease confusion manufactured by ClearMask and make them available to all school staff who wish to use this clear mask shield to fully communicate, instruct, etc. with students who rely upon the full facial expressions that includes lip movement to enable them to provide full and inclusive education.

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