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**To:** Regular Board Meeting, October 21, 2021

**From:** Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5

**Subject:** Notice of Motion – Parent/Volunteer Access to Enter School Buildings

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**MOVED BY:** Maria Rizzo, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**SECONDED BY:** Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**WHEREAS:** TCDSB is committed to creating school communities focused on the success, mental health and well-being of all students, including safe environments for all during COVID-19;

**WHEREAS:** Parental involvement and engagement in a child's school contributes to student success;

**WHEREAS:** Parent volunteers are a great resource to school communities and enhance educational experiences;

**WHEREAS:** Parents should have the opportunity to be involved in their child's school;

**WHEREAS:** The TCDSB values and recognizes that parents/volunteers enhance the learning experiences of students and strengthen school and community partnerships;

**WHEREAS:** Parents volunteering is an opportunity to model and promote the value of caring and contributing citizens within our school communities;

**WHEREAS:** Parents and members of parent council are not currently allowed to enter the school buildings for any reason and many typical volunteer opportunities are lost, and;

**WHEREAS:** TCDSB aims to apply uniform protocols on parent admittance across the system to allow equitable and safe parent access to schools.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Fully vaccinated parents/volunteers who have completed Covid-19 screening survey be permitted to enter the school building with proper PPE upon the discretion of the school administration by arrangement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** Parent councils may meet virtually or in schools for their meetings as per safety protocols including proof of vaccination, ability to socially distance, wearing PPE etc.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** TPH be requested to assist in formulating public health guidelines, protocols, and procedures for parent access to school buildings.

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