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To: Corporate Services Committee, November 11, 2021

From: Ida Li Preti, Trustee Ward 3

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Special Education

MOVED BY: Ida Li Preti, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: Navigating the school system can be stressful and cause anxiety for families, particularly those families with students with special needs; and

WHEREAS: The complexities of Special Education can create a barrier to some parents and caregivers' ability to effectively understand the system and advocate for their children with diverse learning needs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Toronto Catholic District School Board staff, in collaboration with TCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) consider opportunities to increase student and parental engagement and understanding of Special Education programs and services offered in the TCSDB;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Special Education Advisory Committee consider virtual opportunities to inform families of students with special education needs on all aspects concerning transition planning; the Identification Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) process, and the Individual Education Plan (IEP);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The annual Special Service Resource Fair be offered virtually until Covid-19 gathering restrictions are lifted; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Toronto Catholic District School Board, in collaboration with the Special Education Advisory Committee, further consider ways to increase access to a catalogue of information on-line relevant to programming, services, and supports available through the Special Education Services Department, and ensure this information is readily available and accessible to all families, caregivers, and staff at any time.

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