



**POLICY SECTION:** ADMINISTRATION  
**SUB-SECTION:**  
**POLICY NAME:** ADVOCACY  
**POLICY NO:** A.06

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**Cross References:**

**TCDSB Code of Conduct Policy S.S.09**

**TCDSB Operating By-Law Number 175**

**TCDSB Donation Policy F.F.02**

**TCDSB Advertising Policy A.03**

**TCDSB Communications Policy A.37**

**TCDSB Logo Use Policy T.16**

**TCDSB Community Engagement Policy S.10**

**TCDSB Access to Students in Schools S.S.04**

**TCDSB Catholic School Parent Councils Policy S.10**

**TCDSB Electronic Communication – Acceptable Use Policy A.29**

***Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M56***

***Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2***

***Ontario Human Rights Code, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 19***

**Purpose:**

This Policy affirms and promotes the need for advocacy with all our stakeholders in a fiscally responsible way.

**Scope and Responsibility:**

The policy extends to all facets related to the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the appropriate use of funds while advocating on behalf of the TCDSB. All who advocate for the TCDSB are responsible to adhere to the policy.



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**Alignment with MYSP:**

**Living Our Catholic Values**

Strengthening Public Confidence

**Fostering Student Achievement and Well-Being**

**Achieving** Excellence in Governance

**Providing Stewardship of Resources**

**Inspiring and Motivating Employees**

**Financial Impact:**

~~There would be a yearly commitment to professional and communal membership dues.~~

**Legal Impact:**

~~There may be liability that is associated with the inappropriate use of TCDSB funds.~~

**Policy:**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board recognizes the necessity of ongoing and effective communications among the TCDSB, education partners and the Ontario government to advance the position of the TCDSB in regards to educational issues.

**Regulations:**



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1. The TCDSB may pay membership dues and fees to **educational organizations and other** organizations which support the tenets of Roman Catholicism and other education organizations.
2. No elected official or employee shall use TCDSB funds to attend events for specific political parties.
3. **That organizations other than those in Regulation 1 that do not expressly support the tenets of Roman Catholicism be brought to the Board for approval.**

#### **Definitions:**

Not of significance in this policy.

#### **Evaluation and Metrics:**

An audit of fees paid demonstrate that only groups who support Catholic faith have received monies for membership and that elected officials have abided by the regulation above.