



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## RECOMMENDATION TO BOARD FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13*

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### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

#### Vision:

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

#### Mission:

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides the Board of Trustees with a recommendation from the Special Education Advisory Committee.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 1 hour.*

## **B. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with a recommendation from the Special Education Advisory Committee.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. On December 1, 2021, the Special Education Advisory Committee met.
2. At that meeting, a recommendation to the Board of Trustees was proposed.

## **D. EVIDENCE**

The Special Education Advisory Committee met on December 1, 2021 and a motion regarding Agenda Item 16a) *Consideration of Motion From Deborah Nightingale, representative of Association for Bright Children Ontario Special Education regarding One Size Doesn't Fit All* was approved by a majority vote as per the Minutes of that meeting included under *Communication* on the Order Page.

## **E. SEAC'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Special Education Advisory Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that the following be approved:

**WHEREAS:** SEAC recognizes and supports a very diverse variety of Special Education needs and the requirement for an appropriate variety of beneficial education options for students both identified and not identified with Special Education needs in the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB);

**WHEREAS:** These options must be based on best practices, and education research on how to meet different students' needs, and should offer relevant options and real parent and student choice; and

**WHEREAS:** In a Board of this very large size and diversity of needs, a variety of different options to meet different and diverse needs should be offered in appropriate classroom environments.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The TCDSB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) recommend to the Board that the TCDSB deliver a variety of appropriate education options to meet diverse Special Education needs, based on: education research; feedback from educators, parents and students on all relevant options; and advocacy by those with specific involvement and experience with students with special education needs and receiving special education programs and services (**Consideration of Motion From Deborah Nightingale, representative of Association for Bright Children Ontario Special Education regarding One Size Doesn't Fit All**).