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To: Regular Board Meeting , January 27, 2022

From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

Subject: Notice of Motion – Request the Minister of Education to Pause EQAO Testing at all Elementary and Secondary Schools until the 2022-23 School Year.

MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: Students have experienced unprecedented levels of anxiety and stress due to the worldwide pandemic;

WHEREAS: Elementary Students have had to shift to a variety of delivery models from in-person to asynchronous learning in Elementary and to hybrid at the Secondary level;

WHEREAS: Despite the best efforts of staff and families, students have experienced learning opportunity loss during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS: EQAO is a testing method to evaluate student learning and requires many hours of preparation and many hours to complete the test.

This is scarce and valuable time that students cannot afford to lose from their regular curriculum needs.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: A letter be sent to the Minister of Education requesting that he immediately consider pausing all EQAO testing at all levels, both Elementary and Secondary until the 2022-23 school year in order to allow students to close any learning opportunity loss and return to a normal schedule at schools when Covid-19 is no longer dangerously present in our school communities.

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