



REPORT TO

GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

UPDATE TO OPENING AND CLOSING EXERCISES POLICY S.S.02

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14

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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 recommends updating the current Policy on Opening and Closing Exercises S.S.02 to conform to current practice and policies.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 5 hour.

B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Governance and Policy Committee as it recommends policy revision.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Policy on Opening and Closing Exercises S.S.02 was first approved in September 2001, and has been amended three times since.
2. Changes to this policy reflect current practice and alignment with related policies, Ministry of Ontario Regulation 298, O.Reg 435/00, PPM 119 and Toronto Catholic District School Board Policies; S. 23 Prayer in Schools, S. 22 Religious Accommodation and H.M. 24 Catholic Equity and Inclusive Education.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

This policy has been amended in consultation with staff from the Facilities and Communications Departments, Field Superintendents and Legal Services.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Recommendations in this report will be monitored by policy development staff
2. Further reports will be brought to Board in accordance with the policy review schedule.

F. IMPLEMENTATION

The updated policy as approved will be posted on the TCDSB policy register.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the revised policy on Opening and Closing Exercises Policy S.S. 02 provided in Report Appendix A, and the accompanying Forms in Appendix A and B of the Policy, be adopted.