

Good evening Trustees, Director Browne, Superintendents and Senior staff.

My name is Joshua Singh, and I am the secondary student representative on the existing Race Relations Committee. Thank you for stretching your patience and accepting my delegation on Trustee Garry Tanuan's Motion: Race Relations Ad-Hoc Committee. To briefly present the matter at hand, after the August 20, 2020, Board meeting the first motion to form a Race Relations Standing Committee was passed. However, after composition of the committee's members it's status as standing, or advisory was not clear leading to lengthy consultation with staff which postponed its work. This revision on the motion for an ad-hoc committee proposes a solution amidst the concerns of today's culture of race. This means of action does fall short of a standing committee which would continue indefinitely. In addition to considering a standing committee we should also investigate the possibility of allowing the external members voting privileges. Nonetheless, the proposed ad-hoc committee would be trustee-led and proposes a concerted effort on race relations for the TCDSB. We must address the concerns of groups such as the African Canadian Committee and the Urban Alliance on Race Relations (UARR). We cannot afford anymore setbacks, delays or isolated networks in our home, school, and parish TCDSB Mission based on Gospel values. We can transform education with the action-oriented Race Relations Ad-Hoc Committee as it will work to

highlight interconnectedness and human dignity especially in students,
demonstrated by the TCDSB.