



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## TRUSTEE WARD ALIGNMENT REVIEW 2022

*According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. 1 Corinthians 3:10*

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### Meeting Date

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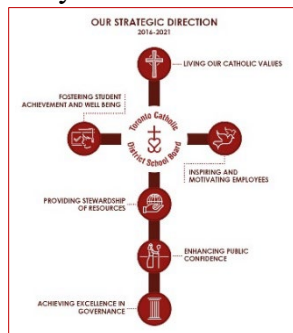
### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

#### 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

In an election year, *Ontario Regulation 412/00* provides guidance in determining the eligible number of Board members for each jurisdiction and an opportunity for realignment of Trustee Wards with a focus on equitable distribution of eligible Catholic Supporters.

Based on guidance in the *Ontario Regulation 412/00*, Trustee seats will remain at 12. Therefore, ***Trustees are not required to change the ward configuration, however, it is the only opportunity to do so under the Education Act prior to the 2022 election.***

***No later than March 31 of an election year***, the Board is required to determine the number of members to the Board in accordance with the formula set out in *Section 3 of Ontario Regulation 412/00: Elections To And Representation On District School Boards*.

**The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 14 hours**

## B. BACKGROUND

1. ***Before February 15*** in an election year, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is required to determine the population of the Board's electoral group using data as of January 1st of that year.
2. ***No later than March 31 of an election year***, the Board is required to determine the number of members to the Board in accordance with the formula set out in *Section 3 of Ontario Regulation 412/00: Elections To And Representation On District School Boards*.

## C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. ***On February 14, 2022, staff received the Population of Electoral Groups (PEG) Report from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.*** Before each general municipal election, every Board of Trustees determines the number of Trustee positions required for their board and distributes these positions across the board's area of jurisdiction.
2. This process is known as Trustee determination and distribution. ***By March 31, 2022, school boards are required to complete a report showing their***

**determination and distribution calculations.** By April 3 of the election year, school boards must submit their report to:

- The Ministry of Education;
  - The election clerks for all municipalities within the board's jurisdiction; and
  - The secretary of every other board that is wholly or partially within the board's area of jurisdiction
3. The process of re-aligning Trustee Ward boundaries is governed by the *Education Act (Sec. 58.1)* and *Ontario Regulation 412/00 Elections to and representation on District School Boards*.
  4. In establishing Trustee boundaries, **two key criteria** must be considered:
    - **Electoral Quotient** – represents the **equitable distribution of eligible Catholic supporters** in each Trustee Ward, as outlined in the *Education Act, Ontario Regulation 412/00*.
    - Trustee Ward boundaries can combine but **not split municipal wards**.
  5. The Electoral Quotient is the method used to determine the proportion of eligible Catholic supporters per Trustee Ward.

$$\text{Electoral Quotient} = \frac{a \times b}{c}$$

Where,

- **a** - is the number of eligible Catholic supporters within each Trustee Ward
  - **b** - is the total number of Trustee Wards
  - **c** - is the total number of eligible Catholic supporters in the City of Toronto
6. Based on the aforementioned process and information contained in *Ont. Reg. 412/00*, Trustee seats remain at 12. Therefore, **Trustees are not required to change the ward configuration, however, it is the only opportunity to do so under the Education Act prior to the election.**
  7. ***This report presents the result of the application of the Electoral Quotient on the current Trustee Ward configuration as well as additional options for consideration*** which provide the balance of eligible voters as indicated in the

legislation with the aim to achieve as close as possible an Electoral Quotient calculation of 1.0 per Ward.

- *Appendix 'A' – Side by Side numeric data*
- *Appendix 'B' – Maps*
- *Appendix 'C' – School Gain and Loss Tables*

## **D. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

8. A copy of this report and decision will be provided
  - (a) the Minister;
  - (b) the school board election clerks for the City of Toronto; and
  - (c) the secretary of every other board located within the area of jurisdiction of the board.
9. The agreed upon All impacted schools will be notified upon approval of the report and Trustee Ward boundary changes will be reflected on the Board's website and directory.
10. Communications will be issued on multiple social media platforms.

## **E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Board of Trustees approve a Trustee Ward configuration for the October 2022 Municipal Election based on the options provided in this report.