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To: Regular Board Meeting, March 24, 2022

From: Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4

Subject: The elementary school Gifted Withdrawal Program should return to the in-person learning model during the 2021-2022 school year.

MOVED BY: Trustee Teresa Lubinski

WHEREAS: The TCDSB Gifted Program is an integral part of the Special Education umbrella and due to the Covid-19 pandemic instruction is delivered through virtual learning;

WHEREAS: The social-emotional learning that takes place in the Gifted Program is an asset, especially now, as most students look forward to attending in-person the Gifted Program;

WHEREAS: The students in the Gifted Program benefit by learning with like-minded individuals who are engaged in competitions and other work that involve a greater depth;

WHEREAS: Students have endured more than their fair share of the burdens of the pandemic has brought upon them;

WHEREAS: Majority of the TCDSB students that are not in Gifted Program attend schools in-person; and

WHEREAS: Most of the Covid restrictions have been lifted; there is no reason that the Gifted Program should be excluded from the in-person learning model.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The elementary school Gifted Withdrawal Program at the TCDSB schools returns to in-person learning model by Easter of 2022.

Teresa Lubinski

Trustee, Ward 4