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**To:** Regular Board Meeting, June 9, 2022

**From:** Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5

**Subject:** Consideration of Motion – St Jerome French Immersion and Enrolment Pressures

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**MOVED BY:** Maria Rizzo, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**SECONDED BY:** Trustee Di Pasquale, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**WHEREAS:** St. Jerome presently has ten portables and many more are projected in the next four years;

**WHEREAS:** Enrolment is projected to reach more than one thousand students by 2026;

**WHEREAS:** The school was built in 1962 to house 400 students;

**WHEREAS:** Several years ago French Immersion was instituted at St. Jerome phased in by one grade per year;

**WHEREAS:** Like in many other schools it is difficult to obtain and retain French Language educators despite best efforts;

**WHEREAS:** St. Jerome families enrol their children in French Immersion in JK/SK and most students leave the French Immersion to attend the English program in Grades 3 and 4;

**WHEREAS:** A review has not taken place of the French Immersion Program at St Jerome; and

**WHEREAS:** The system is financially draining with smaller class sizes for French Immersion and much larger class sizes in the regular program.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Staff review programming, enrolment, boundaries in order to address the concerns at St Jerome as well as a system review and report back within one year.