



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE ON ASTHMA POLICY S.M. 16

The Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7

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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 rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That the board approve the new policy S.M 16 Asthma, as found in Appendix A on an interim basis.

That the board consider revising the policy to include Operational Procedures once the guidelines are received from the Ministry of Education/Ontario Education Services Corporation.

B. ORIGIN

In October 2012, student Ryan Gibbons died at school of an asthma attack. His tragic death inspired the Government of Ontario to contemplate legislation entitled “Ensuring Asthma Free Schools”. The policy will require schools to ensure that they are taking the appropriate precautions to ensure the safety of their students suffering from asthma and also allow for students to carry their inhalers with them to allow for immediate remediation should an asthma attack take place.

C. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 30th, 2015, the Government of Ontario enacted “Ryan’s Law”, legislation intended to protect and support individuals who suffer from asthma. The legislation requires all school boards in Ontario to craft and implement a policy to identify, support and intervene (when necessary) for students suffering from asthma. Currently the TCDSB does not have such a policy and so this report recommends the adoption of an interim policy to satisfy the requirements of Ryan’s Law. There is the potential for TCDSB to consider a longer term plan that might consolidate all policies dealing with Health Care issues.

At the Governance and Policy Committee, there was some initial discussion as to whether the Board has a Type 1 Diabetes Policy or Guideline. At staff’s recommendation, there was also discussion that as the Board looks to the fall, as more information becomes available from the Ministry of Education and OESC, the Board should contemplate revising the current policy with more detailed Operational Procedures and or a single consolidated policy for all medical policies, with separate related

Operational Procedures for each. Items might include asthma, diabetes, concussion, anaphylaxis, etcetera.

D. APPENDICES

1. Appendix A: New Board Asthma Policy S. M. 16
2. Appendix B: Report to Governance Committee on Asthma Policy, S. M. 16

E. MOTIONS

That the board approve the new policy S.M 16 Asthma, as found in Appendix A on an interim basis.

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The Motion carried.