



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL
BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEEANNE MARIE D'AMICO DAY OF KINDNESS AND
LOVE AWARD

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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INFORMATION REPORT

Vision: *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

Mission: *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2025

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been prepared in response to an action after the Regular Board meeting on March 23, 2023, outlining the establishment of the Anne Marie D’Amico Memorial Award, in memory of Anne Marie D’Amico, a TCDSB graduate tragically killed in the Yonge Street Van Attack on April 23, 2018.

This annual award, starting in 2024, will recognize one elementary and one secondary student who exemplifies the spirit of kindness and love. The report includes details on the award criteria, nomination process, and communication strategies for related school events.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 6 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. In response to a motion approved at the March 23, 2023, Regular board meeting staff have prepared *“a report that includes details of the creation of award, recognition criteria, communication strategies regarding special school events (sample plans, initiatives) for the creation of the Anne Marie D’Amico Kindness and Love Award that recognizes one elementary and one secondary student on an annual basis beginning in 2024.”*

C. BACKGROUND

1. *Consideration of Motion – Proclamation and Celebration of the Anne Marie D’Amico Day of Kindness and Love (Regular Board Meeting, March 23, 2023) – can be found [here](#).*
2. Board Motion Anne Marie D’Amico, a TCDSB alumna, was one of ten lives tragically lost in the Yonge Street Van Attack on April 23, 2018.
3. To commemorate her and promote the values she lived by, the TCDSB established April 23 as the ‘Anne Marie D’Amico Day of Kindness and Love’.
4. Beginning in 2024, an award will be created to honour the memory of Anne Marie D’Amico and to encourage the values she represented among TCDSB students.
5. This award aims to recognize students who embody the spirit of kindness, love, inclusivity, and advocacy for women's rights – qualities that Anne Marie D’Amico championed.
 - I. Appendix A - Please view for more information about the awards criteria, communications strategy, and school event template.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The award criteria are based on principles that reflect Anne Marie D'Amico's values, including acts of kindness, love, compassion, advocacy for women's rights, and promoting inclusivity.
2. The nomination process will be open to all TCDSB students with submissions via an online form.
3. TCDSB's Awards Night Committee will review nominations and select recipients based on the outlined criteria.
4. The award presentation will be part of the TCDSB's Awards Night in May, with the D'Amico family invited to participate.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. The success of the award will be gauged by the level of participation in the nomination process and the impact of related school events.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.