

OUR 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.

OUR VISION

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.



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From: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2

Notice of Motion: Excessive Heat and Humidity in TCDSB School Buildings

MOVED BY: Markus de Domenico, Trustee Ward 2 and TCDSB Vice-Chair

WHEREAS: The Board of Trustees is committed to a safe and healthy environment for students and for staff in our schools;

WHEREAS: Global warming is having a severe effect on the interior temperatures in our schools especially those with second and third floors;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB has installed cooling centres to provide temporary reprieve from the excessive heat and is now conducting a pilot project installing outdoor misting stations. These measures, while providing temporarily relief, are in fact only relatively inexpensive measures that provide a very short time of relief;

WHEREAS: The TCDSB relies exclusively on funding from the Ministry of Education to maintain and update our school buildings and that the Ministry does not directly fund retrofitting schools with AC;

WHEREAS: Trustees receive many complaints and concerns from parents in the months of May, June, September and October that school classrooms are experiencing high temperatures that reach and at times exceed 30 degrees Celsius, and that is not

accounting for the accompanying high humidity levels which exacerbates the problem;
and

WHEREAS: Students have great difficulty learning in a classroom that is overheated and uncomfortable. The heat in classrooms does not make for a healthy learning or working environment for students and staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board instruct staff to begin a fulsome and detailed analysis of the classroom conditions across the Board regarding excessive heat and report back to the Board of Trustees their findings, their recommendations, both immediate and long term, to make our buildings safer and how we can alleviate the excessive heat. This report should include a breakdown of the buildings that have more than one floor and unless these buildings have AC, that the staff give these buildings priority for remediation.

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