

**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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**To: Regular Board Meeting, June 13, 2024**

**From: Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4**

**Subject: Proclamation of an Annual School HUG (Hope, Understanding, Gratitude) Day on Every Friday Before Mother's Day Weekend, in Recognition of the Meagan Bebenek Foundation, and the Principles it Instills as Part of the Kids Helping Kids Program.**

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**MOVED BY: Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4**

**SECONDED BY: Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8**

**WHEREAS:** Meagan Bebenek was a student at the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), attending kindergarten at Our Lady of Sorrows school in Etobicoke-Lakeshore when she passed away at the age of 5 from a malignant and inoperable brain tumour and whose classmates are now involved with the Foundation in a volunteer capacity; and

**WHEREAS:** many TCDSB schools already participate in Meagan's HUG over the years; and

**WHEREAS:** the TCDSB is committed to fostering compassionate learning environment that supports the well-being of all students; and

**WHEREAS:** Meagan Bebenek Foundation is dedicated to promoting hope, understanding, gratitude, and support among young people through its Kids Helping Kids Program; and

**WHEREAS:** the principles advocated by Meagan Bebenek Foundation align closely with the values and objectives of the Toronto Catholic District School Board;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Toronto Catholic District School Board hereby establishes an Annual School HUG (Hope, Understanding, Gratitude) Day every Friday before Mother's Day beginning May 2025 and every year thereafter, in recognition of the Meagan Bebenek Foundation and the principles it instills as part of the Kids Helping Kids Program.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** on School HUG Day, all schools within the Toronto Catholic District School Board shall participate in activities aimed at promoting hope, understanding, gratitude, and support among students, staff, and the wider community.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** the Meagan Bebenek Foundation shall be invited to collaborate with the Toronto Catholic District School Board in organizing an Annual School HUG Day activities and providing educational materials on the importance of hope, understanding, gratitude, and support to raise awareness and critical funds for further research into paediatric brain tumour.

**Teresa Lubinski,  
Trustee, Ward 4**