



## **TCDSB Parent Engagement**

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

Good evening Mr. Chair, Trustees, Staff and parents:

On behalf of OAPCE (Toronto) and our brother group Toronto Catholic PIC we bring to you a delegation regarding the revised plan to hire personal assistants. Although, we do have some members of the board that may require assistance, the DSB needs to find alternate ways to provides this assistance.

We were extremely disappointed when we were told about your actions during the TCDSB Governance Committee Meeting late evening on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 "bad news travels very fast".

It was very upsetting and disappointing that our elected officials in the apparent excitement of the moment may have forgot that our Board is still in a budgetary crunch and there is an urgent need to find budgetary savings of up to \$10,000,000 every year for the next three years. During this critical period for the TCDSB it is important for Trustees to display personal and collective leadership, as well as demonstrating that they understand the seriousness of this challenging task.

Our parents still consider it very important for the Budget Reduction team to look seriously at Administrative Staff reductions so that we can ensure that the front-line Educators of our children can continue to provide services that support the academic achievement of our children (especially our most vunerable) in the Catholic tradition.

We now congratulate you on rescinding this regrettable Motion and turning the page on this issue to preserve a positive environment where all stakeholders can work and move forward together.

God Bless and Thank You all for listening to us.

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