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: Corporate Services Meeting, February 13, 2025

From: Angela Kennedy, Trustee Ward 11

Subject: Notice of Motion – Armenian Heritage

MOVED BY: Trustee Angela Kennedy, Toronto Catholic District School Board

SECONDED BY: Trustee Markus De Dominico, Toronto Catholic District School Board

WHEREAS: Since the Month of May in each year has been proclaimed as Armenian Heritage Month by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;

WHEREAS: Ontario is home to 100,000 people of Armenian descent. Armenians began migrating to Canada in 1880s.more than 100 settled in Ontario. Decades later approximately 2000 survivors of the 1915 Armenian genocide, mostly women and children came to Canada as refugees;

WHEREAS: In the early 1920's over 100 orphaned Armenian children later called "Georgetown Boys" were brought to Georgetown by the Armenian relief Association of Canada – "Canada's Noble Experiment." This was considered one of the first Canadian Humanitarian Acts on an international scale.

WHEREAS: May is a significant month for the Armenian Community especially May 28th. Armenians gained sovereignty over their historical territory after 600 years of colonization, occupation, subjection and genocide;

WHEREAS: The month of May offers a valuable opportunity to educate TCDSB students about this important history;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: May be designated as a time to raise awareness and educate TCDSB students on this significant history.

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