



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

RESPONSE TO STUDENT TRUSTEE RECOGNITION MOTION

*For the Lord has made all things, and to the Godly he has given wisdom,
Sirach 43:33*

Drafted

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INFORMATION REPORT

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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 addresses the Student Trustee Recognition and Records Motion approved at the Regular Board Meeting on January 30, 2025. The motion seeks to honour the contributions of past and present Student Trustees of the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) by establishing a photo gallery, maintaining board records, and creating archival information.

To achieve this, we propose implementing recognition initiatives such as an online photo gallery, a physical photo display and the creation of archival information (APPENDICES A, B, and C).

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 10 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. In response to a motion approved at the Regular Board Meeting on January 30, 2025, ideas to honour Student Trustee contributions, including an online photo gallery, a physical photo display and creating archival information are being presented (APPENDICES A, B, and C).

C. BACKGROUND

1. Student Trustees play a pivotal role in the governance of the TCDSB, serving as the voice of the student body and ensuring that student perspectives are considered in board decisions.
2. Recognizing the contributions of Student Trustees not only honours their service but also inspires future student leaders to engage actively in educational governance.
3. Currently, at the conclusion of their two-year term, the outgoing Student Trustee is honoured with a celebration at a Board meeting in June. Before the start of their first term, the incoming Student Trustee is welcomed in a ceremony at a Board meeting in August.
4. At the opening of a new school, the names of the current Student Trustees are included in the inaugural school plaque.
5. The Chief Communications Officer implemented professional photographs of Student Trustees since 2019. To ensure consistency and quality, it is proposed that both the online and physical photo galleries commence from that year onward. This approach will provide a standardized and comprehensive visual

record of Student Trustees, enhancing recognition and historical documentation.

6. Communications staff met with Student Trustees twice following approval of the motion to seek input into the proposed ideas.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. In response to the Student Trustee Recognition Motion, a jurisdictional scan was conducted to explore how other Catholic District School Boards acknowledge their Student Trustees. The findings showed that our current practices were very similar to the current methods of recognition from other boards with a ceremony.
2. To enhance the recognition of Student Trustees, the following initiatives are for the consideration of the Board of Trustees:
 1. **Online Photo Gallery (APPENDIX A):** An online Student Trustee Photo Gallery will be developed on the TCDSB website to feature photographs and biographies of past and present Student Trustees, beginning in 2019. The gallery will be maintained and updated annually to ensure the inclusion of new Student Trustees and the accuracy of all information.
 2. **Physical Photo Display (APPENDIX B):** A Student Trustee Gallery will be created and placed in the Catholic Education Centre Atrium to showcase Student Trustees since 2019. The display will feature grouped photos, including each Student Trustee's name, school, and years of service. The gallery will be updated at the end of each Student Trustee's two-year term. Production will be done through the TCDSB Print Shop, and a frame will be sourced from a local supplier.
 3. **Archival Information (APPENDIX C):** The Archival Department will maintain comprehensive records, including photographs and other pertinent materials for students where records are available and on an on-going basis.

E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

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