



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION UPDATE REPORT

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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INFORMATION REPORT

Vision:

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

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report offers an update on the continued development of the International Education Program at TCDSB. In August of 2012 the federal government released a report that aims to double the number of international visa students in Canada by 2022 with a projected annual increase in enrolment of 7%. TCDSB has experienced growth and is currently averaging an increase of approximately 10%. At present TCDSB's International enrolment stands at 1257 students. With this growth Toronto Catholic District School Board is maintaining its rank as the third largest destination for K to 12 students in Canada. This growth in International Students has not adversely affected resident student's ability to be accommodated in our schools.

B. PURPOSE

1. This report is an update which briefs the Board on the International Education Program at TCDSB with respect to how this program supports the *Multi-year Strategic Plan*. Principally this includes, '*Living our Catholic Values*' and '*Fostering Student Achievement and Well-being*'. Within the context of International Education, we continue to meet the Board's mission and vision by supporting TCDSB students in experiencing the cultural realities of other countries and by welcoming students new to Canada. In doing so our aim is to live out our Board mission --. '*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*'
2. Consistent with Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, TCDSB sets enrolment targets at or near 7%. This academic year has seen an increase of 10%. For 2016-17 we are projecting an increase in the 7% to 10% range.
3. The increase in International Students has not affected enrolment space for resident students in our system. The majority of International Students arriving in TCDSB are generally placed in grades 10-11 and do not impact grade 9 enrolment projections nor pupil spaces.
4. The enrolment increases in International students generates additional funding that supports staffing and Board priorities.

C. BACKGROUND

International Education at TCDSB supports the provincial strategies which contribute to the social, cultural and economic benefits for the province of Ontario. Within the strategies there are five main pillars:

1. Ontario Students expanding their global awareness knowledge and perspectives
2. International students coming to Ontario
3. Educators sharing expertise at home and abroad
4. Internationalization of the curriculum and learning environment.
5. Overseas delivery of the Ontario curriculum

In terms of the growth of our programming we send students abroad to study in over four continents. The countries involved include Italy, Ireland, Kenya, the Philippines, France, Poland, Germany, Grenada, Peru and most recently Iceland.

Our most significant area of growth in the past five years has been with students on International Visas who study in our schools. Our highest student enrolments come from China, Korea and Taiwan. We also have students from Brazil, Germany, Columbia, Chile, France, Ukraine and Spain.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The current enrolment for the 2015-16 Academic year stands at 1257 students. Please see *Appendix A: International Students by School*
2. In addition, 9 students previously on Visa's have been granted residence status and are now pupils of the Board. Please see *Appendix B –International Student Enrolment Trend Data*, for trend analysis over the last 5 years.
3. The gross revenue attributed to the 2015-16 academic year stands at \$17,581,130. Please see *Appendix C- International Student Program Gross Revenue* for trend analysis over the last 5 years.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Staff will continue to monitor the growth of the program to ensure both sustainability and stability.

F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of the Board.