

Notice of Motion

Regular Board

March 26, 2015

RE: Elementary School Admission Policy

Moved by: Trustee Andrachuk, Ward 2

Seconded by:

Whereas: All Catholic students should have access to their local elementary school

Whereas: Date and time stamp is used to determine the priority admission for elementary students to their local school

Whereas: The date time stamp priority admission is similar to a lottery and does not give priority to students in close proximity to their local school

Whereas: Oversubscribed schools are challenged to admit all students from within the catchment area and many must be redirected to area schools outside their immediate area. This may requiring redirecting students who live in closer proximity to the local school than other students because of the date and time stamp priority.

Whereas: The TCDSB has implemented FDK boundaries as admission boundaries for all elementary schools to replace the concentric circle from school and transportation routes

Whereas: Boundaries will come under review, from time to time, to determine appropriate students catchment area in order to balance enrolment in schools.

Be it resolved that: Under Regulation 3, the order of applicants priority for admission to any local elementary school will be determined by **geographic proximity** in conjunction with date and time of completion of initial application for registration.

The expression “**geographic proximity**” takes into account:

- i) the actual direct distance involved;
- ii) the availability, and efficacy in the circumstances, of public transportation; and
- iii) natural and constructed barriers.