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Parents wish to be involved with their children's education Parents are restricted by:

- The requirements imposed upon them by their work schedule,
- The time it takes them to travel to and from work.
- And some of us do not have a clear understanding of English.

We believe that the Schools and the Parents need to align this common interest with the student's educational achievement and well-being.

Parents need to work together with School Staff with the joint objective to support

We suggest that TCDSB develops a process that will enable the School Staff to be available, on varying levels that support a child's needs, that works with the parents availability, and if needed the translator.



## Communications between School and Parish

Parents want and expect that the parish priest(s) are present at schools. The barriers identified were:

- Priest availability as they may have too many schools assigned to them,
  - Commitment (School Staff or Parent),
  - cultural differences, Language difficulty.

Parents felt that the Parish outreach needs to be more visible in the Schools along with a need to expand the presence of schools at the Parish during Mass so that Catholic taxpayers who do not have children in the school system, can see the benefit of the Catholic Education System.

We suggest that the TCDSB work closer with Parish Priests to lead the way. Have more monthly joint events with all parishioners invited. Look at how our Youth run Masses can be held at Church as well as at school. Encourage more children and youth to be involved with serving at Mass. Invite parish members when organizing religious retreats with the older students.

We believe that much more cross pollination of communication is needed, the Church needs to advertises mass and events in a school newsletters and the Schools need to advertise school events in a parish newsletter. Encourage Schools to communicate with parents using all technologies available.

Both the Church and the School should be looked at as a Parent's community centre.



## Communication between Parent and Student

Parents do understand the importance of prayer and reflection on Christian teachings. Again the barriers in a home are the needs to work and to travel which make this a difficult task.

- We suggest that the TCDSB School Staff and the Priest continuously encourage Parents:
  - To expand on family time and activities at home,
  - To use the rosary as a means for mediation
  - To explore and maybe organize faith orientated activities for the child and the family





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- Supporting student academic achievement through increased parent involvement.

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- We make recommendations to the school board; and,
- We undertake initiatives that
  - Promote Parent Engagement,
  - Educates parents
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