



REPORT TO

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

**NON-QUALIFYING TRANSPORTATION STUDENTS BY TRUSTEE WARD, ALL WARDS**

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1*

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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 uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

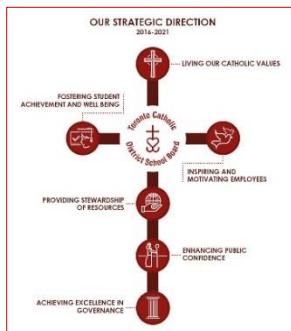
*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*

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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the request of the Board, staff have assembled statistics on the number of Extenuating Circumstance and Non-Qualifying transportation students by Trustee ward.

*The cumulative staff time dedicated to developing this report was 7 hours.*

## B. PURPOSE

At the September 7, 2017 Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee, a Trustee motion directed staff to report on the number of Non-Qualifying students by Trustee ward:

*“Report regarding the 7,000 non-qualifying students by ward and area (Presentation by Kevin Hodgkinson, GM, TSTG regarding Student Transportation Update)”*

This report therefore provides information pertaining to the number of Extenuating Circumstance and Non-Qualifying transportation students by Trustee ward.

## C. BACKGROUND

1. There are 7217 Non-Qualifying TCDSB students receiving transportation service and this service generates the largest cost to the Consortium at approximately \$1.1M. If the service were to be discontinued, there is a potential risk of losing approximately 60% of these students—due to student home addresses being in closer geographic proximity to TDSB schools versus TCDSB schools.
2. **September 7, 2017** – At the Student Achievement and Well Being, Catholic Education and Human Resources Committee, a Trustee motion directed staff to report on the number of Non-Qualifying students by Trustee ward:

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3. **September 18, 2017** – By way of e-mail, staff provided all Trustees with a simple table that details the number of courtesy and Non-Qualifying students by school, and a definition for each category of student. Please refer to *Appendix ‘A’* for details.
4. The following are definitions of various Extenuating Circumstance (EXC) and Non-Qualifying (NQ) students:

**Empty Seat (EXC)**—students who are not eligible for service, who live less than 1.5 km from the school or outside the Board approved fixed boundary, and are walking to an existing bus stop and utilize unused seats on the bus.

**Empty Seat Priority (EXC)**—generally students are siblings of students with special needs, redirected students, or children in the care of Catholic Children’s Aid Society (CCAS). Students are provided home stops.

**Non Qualifying (NQ)**—students who are not eligible for service, who live less than 1.5 km from the school or outside the Board approved fixed boundary, but have been approved by Board for transportation service. Similar to eligible students, local neighbourhood stops are created for these students and students walk to these locations for service.

**High School Extenuating Circumstance**—since no transportation is provided for high school aged students (other than those with specific special needs) students who are in financial need can apply for transit assistance.

**Note:** *Appendix ‘B’* provides greater detail on how and when these Extenuating Circumstance and Non-Qualifying students are accommodated on buses.

5. The following table provides the number of Extenuating Circumstance (EXC) and Non-Qualifying (NQ) students by Trustee ward:

<b>Trustee Ward</b>	<b>Empty Seat &amp; Priority Empty Seat (EXC)</b>	<b>Non-Qualifying (NQ)</b>	<b>Prorated Cost to Provide Service</b>
1	691	693	\$105,626
2	486	442	\$67,369
3	298	1094	\$166,745
4	430	729	\$111,113

5	412	678	\$103,339
6	124	192	\$29,264
7	534	388	\$59,138
8	135	582	\$88,707
9	283	452	\$68,893
10	129	330	\$50,298
11	612	494	\$75,294
12	415	1143	\$174,214
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4549</b>	<b>7217</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>

#### **D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the consideration of the Board.