



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

LARGE/URBAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL – TCDSB TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life, he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst - John 6:35

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April 11, 2024	April 18, 2024
Brendan Browne, Director of Education	
RECOMMENDATION REPORT	

Vision: IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.

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

Catholic Education is provided to students and families throughout Ontario in 29 Catholic school boards. From Windsor to Niagara, the Greater Toronto Area to Kingston and Ottawa, and up to Thunder Bay and beyond to Fort Francis and Kenora, we are united in the pursuit of excellence in Catholic Education.

While unified in a common commitment to the promotion of Catholic Education, the realities of large rural and remote school boards are markedly different than large urban boards such as the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

As the largest publicly funded Catholic school board in the world, the complexities of size, scope, and urban realities on the governance and operation of the TCDSB are intricate and unique, and more closely aligned with other large urban Catholic School Boards. In recognition, the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) created the “Large/Urban Catholic School Boards Advisory Council” in 2023.

The membership on this advisory council is revisited annually requiring the appointment of one member of the TCDSB Board of Trustees - the Chair of the Board or a designate - to sit on this advisory committee. OCSTA has requested that the confirmation of the appointee from each member board be submitted no later than April 22nd, 2024.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 1 hour

B. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the board information about the “Large/Urban Catholic School Boards Advisory Council” and to confirm the TCDSB trustee appointment to this council for the upcoming year.

C. BACKGROUND

1. Large and predominantly urban school boards have unique and complex realities given the size, scope, and scale of each organization.
2. The five largest Catholic school boards in Ontario – Toronto, Dufferin-Peel, York, Ottawa, and Halton – represent the majority of Catholic students in Ontario.
3. The resolution to create the Large/Urban Catholic School Boards Advisory Committee was passed at the 2021 OCSTA AGM.

4. OCSTA is seeking confirmation of representation from each of the five large/urban Catholic school boards in Ontario to serve on this advisory council for the upcoming year.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. At the 2021 OCSTA AGM, following approval of Resolution A-22, the OCSTA Board of Directors approved the creation of and membership selection process for the OCSTA Large/Urban Catholic School Boards Advisory Council.
2. Resolution A-22 states that membership on the Advisory Council shall include representation from Ontario's large/urban Catholic school boards, as well as two members of the OCSTA Board of Directors.
3. The Advisory Committee meets at least twice per school year.
4. Trustees of Regions 6, 7, 8, 12, & 13 (Toronto, Dufferin-Peel, York, Ottawa, and Halton) each appoint their respective Board Chair or designate to serve on the Advisory Council.
5. Trustee Rizzo has served on this advisory committee for the past year as the TCSDB representative.
6. Trustees are asked to confirm one trustee member – the Chair of the Board or designate – to be confirmed to represent the TCDSB on this advisory council.

E. ACTION REQUIRED

That the Toronto Catholic District School Board confirm the appointment of the Chair of the Board, or designate, to represent the TCSDB on the OCSTA Large/Urban Catholic School Boards Advisory Council for the upcoming year.