



Office of the Director of Education

May 4, 2009

Dear Parents and Catholic Ratepayers,

Re: Focused Delivery of Service - Budget Process

The Toronto Catholic District School invites our parents and Catholic ratepayers to attend information sessions regarding our 2009-2010 Budget. While these are challenging times for all of us, it is important that we look forward and plan for our students' continued success.

Our "*Focused Delivery of Service*" Budget is committed to maintaining programs and services that continue to meet the needs of all of our students, while finding efficiencies.

During this past academic school year, we anticipate being able to reduce the accumulated deficit as originally planned. Funding decreases, due in large part to our declining enrolment, means changes have to happen. A first step is to begin reviewing the way in which the Board operates and to evaluate whether programs are being delivered effectively, efficiently and equitably.

By beginning to refocus our budget on effective, efficient and equitable delivery of programs, the Board can better meet the needs of all students while supporting success and achievement for all our students. Part of the process of refocusing is to begin to realign our programs and resources to meet our students', parents' and the Ministry's expectations. And in order to maintain those programs, the Board will continue to reinvest in our students by continuing to support priorities such as improved student achievement, smaller class sizes, and additional resources to support teaching and learning.

The "Focused Delivery of Service" budget proposal will be presented at the **May 27th, 2009** Board meeting. Parents, stakeholders and community members are welcome to register as a delegation to present on **Wednesday, June 17th**. Delegations may register with the Recording Secretary of the Board by submitting a written Delegation Registration form (available at www.tcdsb.org) by 11 a.m. on the Friday preceding the meeting or by contacting the Recording Secretary at 416-222-8282 ext. 2293.

If you are unable to attend, you may wish to take the opportunity to provide your written comments (maximum 5 pages in length please). These comments can be sent to the recording secretary at TCDSB, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON M2N 6E8, to your school or to the attention of the Communications Department through your school's courier. Written presentations received **prior to June 19th** will be accepted in the place of a delegation.

The 2009-2010 budget will be approved at a special board meeting on Wednesday **June 24th**

Thank you for your participation in this process and for your commitment and dedication to Catholic education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Perron".

Ann Perron
Director of Education

Public Meetings:

- **Regular Board Meeting** (presentation of budget proposal)

Wednesday May 27th

CEC – Board Room
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- **Delegation Evening**

Wednesday June 17th

CEC – Board Room
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- **End of Consultation**

June 19th, 2009

Deadline for written submissions

- **Final Budget Report to Board**

June 24th 2009

CEC- Large Committee Room

Although delegations will be heard at the June 17th Delegation Evening, all are welcome to attend and listen to discussions at the following consultation meetings with other stakeholders:

- **Tuesday June 2nd**

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee
CEC – Large Committee Room
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Staff /Union Liaison Committee Meeting
CEC – Large Committee Room
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- **Tuesday June 9th**

Community Advisory Committee Meeting
CEC – Large Committee Room
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Trustees
CEC - Large Committee Room
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- **Wednesday June 3rd**

Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting
CEC-Large Committee Room
7:00 p.m.

Please note that the first 30 minutes of each meeting will be set aside for a presentation on the proposed “Focused Delivery of Service” Budget.