



February 24, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Ward 8 Community:

As was previously communicated to all Catholic School Advisory Council Chairs, Principals and Vice-Principals, the Trustee seat in Ward 8 has been vacant since Friday, February 6, 2009 as a result of a court ruling. Under the Education Act, the Board is required to fill this vacant seat within 60 days. In the interim, we want to reassure all Ward 8 parents and community members that the TCDSB remains committed to ensuring that procedures are in place to address any educational questions you may have.

The TCDSB continues to welcome and encourage parents to be involved with their child's education and provides opportunities for parents' voices to be heard. Should you have a concern or question, we remind you that staff is readily available to support and assist you. For curriculum and/or classroom routines, we ask that you speak with the classroom teacher first. Should additional information be required, your Principal and School Superintendent are also available to provide you with answers. The Director's office is another avenue that you may wish to pursue, should it be required.

Your local CSAC is a valuable and important member of the school community and we encourage parents to connect with your CSAC representative. We are pleased to report that our Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) is up and running and is made up of parents throughout the Board. A Community Advisory Committee with representation from our parent community, current parent associations as well as community members will begin formal meetings shortly. For your convenience, we have included contact information on the back of this letter.

While the Board is under Ministry Supervision, we are serving as the Board. Parents and the general public are welcome to attend our public board meetings. These occur on the last Wednesday of every month. The full agenda and minutes of all Board meetings are posted on the web site at www.tcdsb.org. Delegations to the Board are also open to parents to have their voices heard on matters that are before the Board. You are required to call the Recording Secretary to register as a delegation.

We look forward to officially welcoming Ms. Ann Perron as Interim Director effective Monday, March 2, 2009. Providing a safe, caring and healthy learning environment for our students – your children – is of utmost importance and remains a priority for all of us. By working together, we will enable all students to flourish academically and spiritually in our Catholic schools.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Norbert Hartmann in black ink.

Norbert Hartmann
Ministry Supervisor

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