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## Statement Regarding Ministry Decision to Appoint a Supervisor

The Investigator's report was received this morning by the Toronto Catholic District School Board Chair and the Director of Education.

Shortly thereafter, the Director was notified that the Ontario government has appointed a supervisor to oversee the financial management and administration of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Effective immediately, Norbert Hartmann has been appointed under the Education

Act to:

- Implement the recommendations of the report entitled "Enhancing Public Trust and Confidence" as it applies to the Board
- Develop and responsibly implement a balanced budget plan to return the Board to a balanced financial position while protecting the best interests of students
- Develop communication measures to inform parents, Board trustees, student trustees, staff and the public of actions taken by the Supervisor.

The Supervisor will be meeting with the Director and TCDSB staff in the next few days to discuss next steps. Mr. Hartman will be developing a communications plan with parents and deciding on the roles and responsibilities of trustees.

Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne has the following message to relate to the TCDSB community:

"I want to assure the Toronto Catholic students, parents, and staff that the welfare of your school system is my priority. One of the Supervisor's first jobs will be to create a communication plan that will make sure that students, parents and staff are informed about what's happening.

"We will work to ensure that parents continue to have input and a meaningful role in decision-making at this Board. Parents will also be able to continue working with local trustees who will be free to carry out individual responsibilities in local communities and at school events.

"I want this Board to have stability and solid financial controls in place so that we can focus on our main job of improving student achievement. My actions today will ensure that this Board is put back on track so that it can make responsible decisions that are in the best interest of students, and so that public confidence may be returned to the Board."

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*The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 90,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves 475,032 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.*