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## TCDSB Projects a Balanced Budget

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to report that according to the most recent projections, the Board will end the 2009-2010 school year with a cumulative surplus. Previously, the Board was projected to reduce its cumulative deficit by some \$7.7 million, but would continue to face a \$1.5 million cumulative deficit at the end of the 2009-10 year. A favourable court ruling has enabled the Board to balance its budget sooner than originally anticipated.

The Board is poised to adopt a balanced budget for the 2010-11 school year and is projected to continue to be in balance for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years. The budget report will come to the regular meeting of the Ministry Supervisor (The Board) on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

“For the 2010-11 year and future years, the projected balance is both fiscally and educationally sustainable, featuring modest reinvestments in smaller class sizes in grades 4-8, in information technology, improved human resources and governance processes,” says Ministry Supervisor Dr. Richard Alway. “I am happy to say this will be accomplished without major ongoing program reductions. On the capital side, we have now retired the board’s capital deficit, and are on the cusp of major capital projects at 16 sites across the city which will improve learning conditions for students.”

The Board is on track to complete revisions to by-laws, policies and processes at the board, which will include consultation with the trustees on these matters during the late summer and early fall. This includes the new trustee expenses policy already adopted and in place, a new code of conduct for trustees and the establishment of a new trustee liaison position in the Director’s office to streamline and improve the interaction between trustees and board staff. The Board’s Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and a Community Advisory Committee meet regularly with the Director of Education and the Ministry Supervisor to strengthen ties between the TCDSB and the broader Catholic community.

“I am proud to report that the board has maintained a strong focus on student achievement over the course of this supervision, which has seen steady gains on provincial assessments. With strong leadership from board staff, I believe the TCDSB has done well by its students and the broader community over the course of this supervision,” says Dr. Alway.

“I congratulate our staff for ensuring that the level of services and programs for our students have been a priority throughout the budget process,” says Ann Perron, Director of Education.

“We acknowledge Dr. Alway and the leadership team for their efforts over recent months, and we look forward to working with them to address any remaining issues so that we can move forward collaboratively to better serve our Catholic community,” says Angela Kennedy, Chair of the Board.

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*The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates more than 93,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 200 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves approximately 475,000 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.*

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