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Literacy and Numeracy Remedial Programs Available for TCDSB Students

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that students in Grades 7 and 8 will again have the opportunity to benefit from remedial programs in literacy and numeracy beginning in January. The programs are made possible through the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training's Learning Opportunities Grant.

Interested elementary schools may offer programs in either Literacy or Numeracy Programs or a combined Literacy and Numeracy Program where at least 12 students are registered. The programs would operate from January to May, with two sessions of 1-1/2 hours per week for either eight or 10 weeks.

"Student achievement remains a top priority for the Toronto Catholic District Board," says Director of Education Bruce Rodrigues. "We are pleased to again offer this opportunity to our students who are struggling in the areas of literacy and mathematics."

"These remedial programs support our Strategic Multi-Year Plan with a focus on supporting our students in meeting the Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations," says Board Chair Ann Andrachuk. "We are committed to utilizing differentiated instruction to accommodate a broad range of student needs and to engage students fully in learning."

A completed student registration form signed by a parent and the principal is required in order for a student to be eligible for the program.

These programs are not intended as Home Work Clubs, although schools with existing Saturday morning permits have the option of creating a remedial Saturday program.

Schools have until January 28th to indicate their interest in offering these programs.

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The Toronto Catholic District School Board educates close to 93,000 students from diverse cultures and language backgrounds in its 201 Catholic elementary and secondary schools and serves approximately 475,000 Catholic school supporters across the City of Toronto.