



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to education as a shared responsibility between parents, students, parishes, staff, the board, and our various community partners. The participation of all parents in their children's education is encouraged and valued. The Ontario Ministry of Education, in its December 2005 Parent Involvement Advisory Policy, mandated the creation of Parent Involvement Committees in each school board.

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC)

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is committed to ensuring that all parents and members of our culturally diverse communities have opportunities to actively participate in our Catholic school system. Further to this, we make every effort to ensure that the support necessary to achieve this goal is provided to each of our school communities.

CPIC membership includes one parent representative and one parent alternate elected by their fellow parents from each of the 12 TCDSB Trustee wards. The CPIC will be chaired and led by parents. CPIC includes trustee members as appointed by the Board and board staff are designated as a resource to the committee. Each of the elected Ward representatives and alternate will serve a two-year term.

Who qualifies to become a member of CPIC? All parents/guardians with at least one child or more currently registered in one of our TCDSB schools. *An employee of the TCDSB is not eligible to be elected to this committee.* A profile of the CPIC is described in a separate attachment.

What do I do in order to be considered? Simply complete the nomination form that is found on the board's website at www.tcdsb.org and bring it with you to the scheduled Ward Meeting for your school. A complete list of ward meetings is also posted on the board's website. Please present your completed form to the Superintendent of Education facilitating the election process. Each parent candidate will be invited to make a very brief presentation of 3 minutes or less to identify the reasons for wishing to represent the Ward and ways in which you would accomplish this.

Voting procedures at the meeting: These will be explained clearly by the Superintendent of Education facilitating the election process. Each school community will have one vote and the school's designated voter, as determined by the CSAC chair in consultation with CSAC members, will be asked to sign-in at the beginning of the meeting with the local Trustee.

We encourage you to attend and look forward to seeing you.