



OUR MISSION

In a school community formed by Catholic beliefs and traditions, Our Mission is to educate students to their full potential.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to education as a shared responsibility among parents, students, staff, the Board and the school community. The Board's **three priorities** help to focus the energies and talents of all the partners in each of our professional learning communities:

- Nurturing our Catholic community**
- Improving student learning and achievement**
- Building capacity to lead and learn**



TCDSB CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (CPIC)

Recognizing the importance of parent involvement in our schools, the Ontario Ministry of Education, in its December 2005 Parent Involvement Advisory Policy, mandated the creation of Parent Involvement Committees in each school board. The committee is to be established with "a direct link to the Director and Trustees, to provide parent advice and to support parent engagement."

New base funding has been established to support the work of the Parent Involvement Committee, particularly with "district meetings and inter-school communications". "The Ministry expects that the committee will be chaired by a parent and the membership will include a majority of parents, as well as trustee representatives and the Director of Education."

WHO IS CPIC?

CPIC membership is made up of parent representatives and one or two alternates elected by their peers from each of the Board's 12 Trustee wards. The committee is chaired by parents. CPIC includes trustee members as appointed by the Board and board staff designated as a resource to the committee. Ward representatives serve a two year term and will be elected at ward meetings to which all parents will be invited to attend.

[Parents are welcome to attend CPIC meetings as observers]

The TCDSB is committed to ensuring that all parents and members of our diverse communities have opportunities to participate in the school system and shall provide the support necessary to achieve that goal.

WHAT DOES CPIC DO?

- Meet 5-6 times a year to identify issues related to parent and community involvement for discussion and information
- Enhance communication to CSAC chairs using the CSAC website, parent handbooks, e-mail lists, Fall conference, and as many communication channels as possible
- Share information, resources and news transparently that will support the TCDSB in welcoming parents to become involved effectively and positively in their school communities
- Discuss and respond to items referred to CPIC by the Board
- Make recommendations or provide comments to the Board through the Human Resources, Program and Religious Affairs Committee