



**A MESSAGE FROM THE  
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
AND CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

**Education Support Staff Appreciation Day  
March 6, 2017**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board recognizes the importance of each and every staff member, and the contribution they make to student success and well-being. Several years ago, the Board specifically declared the first Monday in March as Education Support Staff Appreciation Day.

Our family of Child and Youth Workers, Education Assistants, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support staff and other support workers continue to be integral to creating safe and caring learning communities, as they help our students overcome challenges and succeed to the best of their abilities. These trusted adults provide guidance, support and compassion to some of our most vulnerable young people.

Through their involvement in the school community, not just in the classroom, but also in our nutrition programs, athletics and other extracurricular activities in our schools, they enable our students to participate fully in the life of the school.

To all our support staff, we wish you a wonderful day, and we thank you for the many ways that you continue to support our students and our schools.

May you continue to find joy in your work with our young people, and may God continue to bless you each and every day.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Angela Gauthier*  
*Director of Education*

*Angela Kennedy*  
*Chair of the Board*