



## **Statement from the Chair and Director of the Toronto Catholic District School Board**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) welcomes all of God's children. Our recently approved revised Code of Conduct directs all school members to "respect and treat others fairly, regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, creed, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status or disability".

Over the last few days we have received numerous written and verbal complaints about comments made at a meeting of the Board on November 7, 2019. We have heard from students, parents, staff and community members - individuals who feel hurt, offended and are calling for action. These complaints will be brought to the Board of Trustees today for their immediate review and action in accordance with Board policies.

The TCDSB remains committed to creating inclusive learning environments and school communities that are safe and welcoming, founded on Catholic principles of respect, inclusion, fairness, and social justice, in which every person is valued as a child of God.

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**Rory McGuckin**  
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Rizzo".

**Maria Rizzo**  
Chair of the Board