



*A message from the Director of Education  
and Chair of the Board*

## **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

We are so thrilled to welcome our students, staff, families and all members of our TCDSB community back to school for another year of learning and growing together in 2019-2020.

We also extend a special welcome to the students and staff joining our Board for the first time. As the newest members of our TCDSB family we look forward to celebrating important milestones together.

This year marks the second of our three-year pastoral plan: *Rooted in Christ: we Believe*. Our focus turns to what we believe in as a Catholic education community: we Believe in God; we Believe in family; we Believe in our students; we Believe in community; we Believe in equity, diversity and inclusion; and we Believe in Catholic education.

Education is the most empowering force in the world. It creates knowledge, builds confidence and breaks down barriers to opportunity.

Our goal is to ensure that our students feel safe, welcome and included, and become successful learners and leaders. We know that we cannot do this alone and we look forward to our continued collaboration with all stakeholders as we embark on another academic year filled with positive outcomes. We are excited to continue building on our successes as we strive to transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Senior leadership team, we thank you all for your commitment to Catholic education and wish you an inspiring, positive and successful year ahead.

Sincerely,

Rory McGuckin  
*Director of Education*

Maria Rizzo  
*Chair of the Board*

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