



*Office of the Director of Education  
Office of the Chair of the Board*

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The TCDSB strives to create equitable and inclusive learning environments and communities founded on Catholic principles of respect, inclusion, fairness, equity, and social justice, in which every person is valued as a child of God.

We remain committed to supporting 2SLGBTQ+ youth in our schools and acknowledge there is more to do. As a follow up to our statement issued on January 12, 2021, we would like to provide an update.

Following a meeting between our Superintendent of Equity and YouthLine, the link to YouthLine was reposted and a LGBTQ+ resource page for students is being developed. We also recognize that staff and students may have access to content from sources outside of the Board and direct partners, which is why we added an external links notice on our webpages. The Board of Trustees approved the establishment of an LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee made up of Trustees, community organizations, parents and students with support from our Equity and Human Rights Advisor and our Equity Department.

We believe this is only the start of meaningful engagement and collaboration to better serve our 2SLGBTQ+ students.

We are called to love and celebrate one another, just as God loves and celebrates each one of us. We honour the inherent dignity in each other by treating one another with care, compassion, and respect.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Brendan Browne  
Director of Education

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Joseph Martino  
Chair of the Board

cc. All Trustees  
Associate Directors, Superintendents