



Office of the Director of Education

February 27, 2015

Dear TCDSB Trustees, Parents/Guardians, Staff and Community Members:

I wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your ongoing support and collaboration as we work together to find solutions to our current financial challenges.

A report dealing with the current deficit, and an overall financial forecast, was presented to Trustees at the Special Board Meeting held on Monday, February 23, 2015. This was the first opportunity for us to publicly share our general budget calculations regarding our fiscal position with the broader TCDSB community.

As the next step in this process, a staff report outlining detailed expenditures by category and specific recommendations will be posted to our website (www.tcdsb.org) this evening (Friday, February 27, 2015).

This is part of our commitment to restore public confidence by helping to kick-start initial consultations in advance of the Board's Budget Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Catholic Education Centre (80 Sheppard Avenue East). Further opportunities for the Board to receive delegations will be available through the month of March. We will provide greater details regarding our consultation process in the very near future.

Interested parents or delegations who wish to address the meeting may do so by contacting Lalita Fernandes (lalita.fernandes@tcdsb.org) or by registering online at: <http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx>

I want to reassure everyone that the Board remains committed to student achievement and well-being. Our number one priority is to deliver the best Catholic education possible in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Ministry of Education has assigned a Financial Consulting team to assist the Board with formulating a multi-year deficit reduction strategy and action plan to return the TCDSB to a positive fiscal position within the next 3-4 years.

Thank you for your continued confidence and faith in Catholic education in Toronto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Gauthier".

Angela Gauthier
Director of Education