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POLICY NAME: YEAR-END CELEBRATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN
POLICY NO: S.M. 18

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Cross References: S. 08 Blessing and Official Opening of Schools S. 02 School Events Communications and Invitee Protocols		
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Purpose:

This Policy provides directions to school staff when conducting a kindergarten celebration at or near the child’s completion of The Kindergarten Program.

Scope and Responsibility:

The policy extends to all elementary schools of the TCDSB, except where provided for otherwise. The school Principal will be responsible for implementing the policy and supporting the planning of the kindergarten celebration where appropriate.

Alignment with MYSP:

- Living Our Catholic values
- Strengthening Public Confidence
- Fostering Student Achievement and Well-Being



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Policy:

As a *Catholic* school community, we seek to acknowledge the completion of The Kindergarten Program by supporting an event that recognizes the accomplishments and celebrates the child's transition into the primary division.

Regulations:

The following procedures will be adopted where Principals and staff are organizing a kindergarten celebration:

1. In the event that a year-end kindergarten celebration is organized within a TCDSB elementary school, all Year 2 Kindergarten Program children and their families should be invited to attend the celebration at or near the end of the school year.
2. The Principal/designate should ensure that an invitation to attend the celebration has been provided to the parents at least 30 days before the celebration is to occur.
3. The Principal/designate should notify the TCDSB Communications Department of the date, time and details of such event. The Communications Department will report this in the listing of school events taking place.
4. The area Superintendent, local Trustee, CSPC Chair and parish priest should be invited to the kindergarten celebration.
5. The order of speakers for school events should be consistent with Blessing and Official Opening of Schools Policy (S.08), Regulation 3.

Definitions:



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Evaluation and Metrics:

The effectiveness of the policy will be determined by measuring the following:
Elementary school principals will be asked to reply to an annual survey to determine if a year-end kindergarten celebration was held at their school.