

Toronto Catholic District School Board
Statement on Autism

Last month, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services announced changes to the Ontario Autism Program based on family income, a child's age and length of time a child with autism will be in the program. The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has yet to hear from the Minister of Education about what this announcement will mean for our students.

We are disappointed that the provincial government has not yet consulted or provided school boards with the pertinent information about the impacts of their recent autism announcement. We do not know how this funding will support better continuity in service delivery from JK to grade 12 and beyond and what it means for the in-school teams and processes within our schools. We still have yet to hear how the government will support students with autism transitioning to school.

We ask the Minister of Education and the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services to reconsider the planned changes to the Ontario Autism Program with respect to the impact that these changes will have on the ability of school boards to meet the needs of children with autism.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is always available to work with the government on matters that impact our children.