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## TCDSB Congratulates Outstanding Principal

The Toronto Catholic District School Board congratulates Roy Fernandes, Principal at St. Sylvester Catholic School in Scarborough, for being named one of the Outstanding Principals of the Year by The Learning Partnership.

According to today's news release by TLP, "In the Canada's Outstanding Principals program, principals are nominated by their colleagues, school staff and community members. Nominations are evaluated and final recipients are selected on a representation-by-population basis by a national selection committee made up of a distinguished group of Canadian education, community and private sector leaders. Candidates are chosen using the following criteria: leadership and student achievement; leadership and innovation; instructional leadership; professional learning teams; partnerships with families and communities; personal growth initiatives; and corresponding letters of support."

"We congratulate Roy, and all the Outstanding Principals, for this national recognition," says Rory McGuckin, Director of Education. "We are so proud of Roy, and the many school administrators who share his enthusiasm and energy, and provide innovative experiential learning opportunities to improve student learning."

Roy has been a principal for 11 years, starting with TCDSB as a teacher in 1995, and currently teaches the Principals' Qualifications Course for other aspiring administrators.

An innovative and creative educator, he introduced "**Beyond the Classroom**" to immerse students in authentic experiential education. Participating classes learning about the writing process and media studies at the Globe and Mail, Responsible Government from municipal, provincial and federal government representatives and explored career options in the health sciences at SickKids Hospital among others. The program continues to evolve and expand and Roy has been advocating for this opportunity to be shared with other schools across the Board.

"It's a privilege to be in a job that allows me to learn, create, run, sing, pray and talk alongside students, staff and parents within great school communities," says Mr. Fernandes. "I know the recognition is deserved by many, and I thank the committee that put my nomination together and the Learning Partnership for this acknowledgment."