

INFORMATION REGARDING IMPACT ON TCDSB TRUSTEE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES DUE TO ONTARIO GOVERNMENT CHANGES

On July 30, 2018, the Government of Ontario introduced legislation **to reduce** the number of Toronto City Council seats from 47 to 25 by aligning ward boundaries with current provincial and federal ridings.

This will result in a realignment of TCDSB trustee ward boundaries and directly impacts the distribution of our local school board's trustee positions for the **October 22, 2018, election**.

These changes **DO NOT** affect the current number of Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees which **will remain at 12**. However, it will impact the distribution of trustee wards and the local school communities they represent.

Due to the compressed timeline to meet the government's legislated requirement to effect this imposed change, comprehensive public consultation with our Toronto Catholic school communities and ratepayers **will not be possible**.

A Special Board of Trustees Meeting has been called for Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6 pm to deal with this urgent matter to realign Trustee Wards to the new 25 City ward boundaries.

The Ministry of Education has informed the Board of these critical dates:

- **By Tuesday, August 7, 2018**, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) will issue new Population of the Electoral Group (PEG) reports for the purposes of re-distribution and provide our Board with a new report.
- **By Tuesday, August 14, 2018**, our Board must complete the re-distribution of TCDSB trustee seats according to the proposed new municipal boundaries and notify the Minister that this has been done.
- **By Friday, August 17, 2018**, the Minister will re-distribute boards' trustee positions if boards do not complete the re-distribution or fail to provide notification to the Minister by August 14, 2018.

- **By Friday, August 17, 2018**, boards must provide a copy of their re-distribution report and a copy of the data and calculations by which the distribution was made to the Minister, the school board election clerk for the City of Toronto, and the secretary of every school board with jurisdiction in the City of Toronto. If boards do not complete their re-distribution by August 14, these reports and data calculations will be shared with the parties above by the ministry on August 17.

The government has also indicated there will be **NO right to appeal** trustee distributions to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

When passed, the proposed changes would extend the deadline for filing a nomination for a municipal or trustee candidate **to September 14, 2018**.

The **October 22, 2018, election date would not change**. Trustee candidates in the City of Toronto may be required to re-file their nomination papers. Candidates are encouraged to contact the school board election clerk for the City of Toronto for more information.

For more information about these provincial government changes:

<https://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2018/07/ontarios-government-for-the-people-announces-reforms-to-deliver-better-local-government.html>

Additional details will be posted as they become available on the **home page** of the Board's website: www.tcdsb.org.

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