



An Invitation from the Director of Education and Chair of the Toronto Catholic District School Board to Participate in Budget Consultations

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is committed to engaging the community as we prepare the 2019/2020 annual budget. The budget process is underway and in the context of the Provincial Government's fiscal reality, we must be careful to strategically align our Board resources through operational efficiencies and investments in classroom priorities.

In preparation for the TCDSB's budget that will be finalized at the June Board meeting, we are launching a consultation process. We are seeking input from staff, parents, students and community members to help shape our 2019/2020 school year budget. We would like your participation to help shape how best to meet the needs of our students and we encourage you to have your say about programs offered at the TCDSB.

As part of this consultation process we want you to consider and identify top priorities and opportunities; areas that must be sustained and programs that you think should be considered for reductions and why? Your input is critical to our Board's continued commitment to student achievement, well-being and fiscal accountability, which are cornerstones for building a sustainable future for our children. Please share your ideas on how we can make the best use of the funds available for our students, employees and communities.

There will be several opportunities to provide feedback – both online and in person. Input will be collected through school councils, delegations, a public consultation and virtual town hall, trustee meetings, and an online survey. Information about the budget process and opportunities for input are outlined on our website at: www.tcdsb.org/BudgetConsult

Budget process timelines are provided for your reference below. All are welcome to participate in any of the following ways to learn more about the budget:

- **Budget Survey** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KHNQYZP> Survey responses are anonymous unless participants choose to self-identify.
- **Public Consultation + Virtual Town Hall – May 1, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** at the Catholic Education Centre. For those who want to participate but are unable to attend, you are welcome to tune in to a live webcast of the proceedings and to email in your questions in advance of the meeting, or during the meeting. Check our website www.tcdsb.org/BudgetConsult for further details closer to the date.
- **Corporate Services Committee** (April 11, 2019)
- **Regular Board** (April 24, 2019)
- **Corporate Services Committee** (May 9, 2019)
- **Student Achievement & Well Being Committee** (May 2, 2019)
- **Special Education Advisory Committee** (May 15, 2019)
- **Regular Board** (May 16, 2019)

To register for meeting the Trustees at one of the Committee meetings, please click here:
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/information/Pages/Delegation-Information.aspx>

Catholic School Parent Councils will also have opportunities to provide input as a collective group at a local school meeting. Watch for more details from your TCDSB school.

Additional targeted stakeholder meetings will take place involving TCDSB's unions and employee associations, Ontario Association for Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE), Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) and Catholic Student Leadership Impact Team (CSLIT) among others.

The deadline for providing input on the budget survey is May 10, 2019.

We need to combine our gifts to continue to build TCDSB's future together, and to realize that as a community, we can ensure that our mission continues to be at the forefront of what we do. Thank you for your participation in this important process.

Sincerely,

Rory McGuckin
Director of Education

Maria Rizzo
Chair of the Board

National Volunteer Appreciation Week **April 7-13, 2019**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is pleased to celebrate National Volunteer Week in recognition of the invaluable part that volunteers play in the life of our Catholic schools. Students and staff across our board are supported by volunteers each and every day, and we are so thankful for their contributions and dedication to our school communities.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the parents, grandparents, friends, and individuals from our parishes and communities who share their time and talents with our schools. Each in their unique way contributes to the success of our children, and enriches the lives of our students.

We also celebrate the volunteer spirit that is so prevalent among our own staff and students. We see them engaged in community service projects in their schools, neighbourhoods, parishes and overseas, responding to the needs of those who are less fortunate. This generosity of spirit makes us so proud, and we thank you for continuing to exemplify our Catholic Graduate Expectations and putting your faith into action.

May God continue to bless all our volunteers and the important work that they do with such compassion and love.

CSPC Executive Training Session

Catholic School Parent Council Executives are invited
May 13th, 2019 6:00-8:00 pm
Jack Quigley Room, 1st Floor Catholic Education Centre
80 Sheppard Avenue East

Topics: School By-Laws, CSPC Annual Year End Activity & Financial Report (New Online Reporting)
Please register your CSPC School Team by **May 7th, 2019**

Bike to School Week Coming Soon

May 27-31

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/environment/transport/Pages/Bike-to-School-Week.aspx>

School Events:

TEAMS Math Olympics

April 13th at Madonna

<https://www.tcdsb.org/schools/Madonna/News/2018-2019/Pages/TeamMath.aspx>

Post 21 Transition Fair at Msgr Percy Johnson

May 8th, 6-8 pm

<https://www.tcdsb.org/Documents/PARENT-FAIR-POSTER.pdf>

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