



*Office of the Director of Education  
Office of the Chair of the Board*

April 9, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff/Student:

As you may already be aware, the Board, on February 27<sup>th</sup>, approved a new **draft Admissions and Placement Policy** for both elementary and secondary schools for the purpose of public consultation. (The draft policy can be viewed as part of the meeting agenda on the Board's website at: [http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/AgendasDocs/February%2027,%202014/Review%20of%20Admissions%20Policy%20\(SA01\)%20and%20Placement%20Policy%20\(SA02\).pdf](http://www.tcdsb.org/Board/TrusteesoftheBoard/boardmeeting/AgendasDocs/February%2027,%202014/Review%20of%20Admissions%20Policy%20(SA01)%20and%20Placement%20Policy%20(SA02).pdf))

All our Catholic stakeholders are invited to provide input into that draft policy before the Board finalizes a new policy. The Board is committed to working directly with the community members throughout the process to ensure that their concerns and needs are understood and considered in decision-making processes.

To ensure that the consultation is comprehensive, we are implementing a new practice called "Consultation in the Round". This is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, May 1, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East (Yonge and Sheppard).


"Consultation in the Round" makes the best use of time by participants. It uses separate tables with each featuring a key regulation for which input is being sought. Everyone will receive background details and pros and cons of the regulation. A facilitator is responsible for presenting the regulation and key open-ended question(s) for consideration, and records the feedback provided at each table.


Participants will also have the opportunity to submit more detailed written suggestions to add to comments recorded by the Facilitator.

We hope that many of you will be able participate in this consultation, which will have a lasting impact on our students and our school communities.

Additional information will be posted to the board's website at [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org).

Sincerely,

  
Angela Gauthier  
Director of Education

  
Jo-Ann Davis  
Chair of the Board

cc. Education Council  
All Trustees