



Office of the Associate Director of Education, Academic Affairs

February 10, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to remind you that there was only one formal parent-teacher interview scheduled for the 2013-2014 academic year, which occurred in November. The decision to reduce the number of formal interview dates was made in response to the Ontario Government's *Putting Students First Act*, which imposed several conditions including the reduction of paid professional activity days.

Although there was only one Board-wide interview date for the current academic year, please remember that parents may always contact the school throughout the school year to discuss their child's progress and any specific concerns that arise.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to the goals outlined in *Growing Success*: which states that "communication with parents and students about student achievement should be continuous throughout the year, by means such as parent-teacher or parent-student-teacher conferences, portfolios of student work, student-led conferences, interviews, phone calls, checklists, and informal reports.

The Board recognizes and supports the importance of offering two parent-teacher interviews. We are moving forward to ensure appropriate resources are allocated to ensure this priority is reinstated for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Parental involvement is essential to student success. We continue to welcome your support and participation in your child's education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Poole". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gary Poole
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