

## **Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Bolton and Rodrigues)**

From: Maria Mavroyannis, Executive Officer, Governance, Policy and Risk Management

In accordance with Board Bylaw 10.4, the following motion was submitted in time to be included on the agenda of this meeting for consideration.

10.4 Two or more members of the Board may include a matter in the agenda for a regular Board meeting by submitting the matter in writing to the Director at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

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### **Supporting Pride Toronto**

Whereas, the Toronto District School Board Board of Trustees unanimously declared itself a Gay/Straight Alliance in 2012 as a clear respect of our diverse communities; and

Whereas, the TDSB has approved an Equity Policy Statement which requires that ideals related to anti-homophobia and sexual orientation equity be reflected in all aspects of organizational structures, policies, guidelines, procedures, classroom practices, day to day operations and communication practices; and

Whereas, the TDSB has sponsored a contingent marching in the Pride parade since 1996; and

Whereas, the explicit purpose of Pride Toronto is “to celebrate the history, courage, diversity and future of Toronto's LGBTTIQQ2SA\* communities;” and

Whereas, in 2005 Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair marched in the Pride Parade alongside Mayor David Miller where there was no policing of public nudity; and

Whereas; the Pride movement is the legacy of the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York City, which are now known as the moment LGBT people finally fought back against years of police oppression; and

Whereas; the birth of Pride Toronto is tied to the 1981 bathhouse raids, when police rounded up about 300 innocent towel-clad men at four gay saunas, which led Toronto queers to react swiftly by marching through the streets, right up to the doors of city hall and Queen’s Park;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Toronto District School Board reaffirm its commitment to supporting Pride Toronto by encouraging staff and students to continue to celebrate the history, courage and diversity of Toronto's LGBTTIQQ2SA communities including a recognition that Pride is both a celebration and a political event that has greatly added to the richness of the city of Toronto.