



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

April 8, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian, Staff, Student:

Despite the challenges presented by the current health crisis, school boards are still operating under the direction that they must submit a balanced budget to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2020.

In order to ensure that our Board makes informed spending decisions, we invite all stakeholders – students, staff, parents and others – to participate in the budget planning process. 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.

Given the unique circumstances, this year’s consultation process will be conducted entirely online. We encourage everyone to review the information about the budget process on our website at: [www.tcdsb.org/BudgetConsult](http://www.tcdsb.org/BudgetConsult)

All are encouraged to complete an online survey by April 30, 2020:

**Budget Survey** - <https://bit.ly/2VbfkfU>. Please be assured that survey responses are anonymous.

You are also invited to participate in a virtual town hall on April 28, 2020 from 7 to 8:30 PM. This online session will provide you with an overview of our current budget situation, and allow you to pose questions to the senior team. Check our website [www.tcdsb.org/BudgetConsult](http://www.tcdsb.org/BudgetConsult) for further details closer to the date.

It is also our hope that *Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC) Chairs* will engage their CSPC members to get input for responses to the survey questions and submit input as a collective group on behalf of the school community. The survey includes a box to specify name of CSPC. Please complete this so we know which CSPC’s have participated. Additional targeted stakeholders, including TCDSB’s unions and employee associations, OAPCE, CPIC and CSLIT, will be invited to online meetings as well.

**A reminder that all feedback must be submitted by the survey deadline of April 30, 2020.**

We remain committed to providing the best Catholic education for all our students. Your involvement in our budget consultation process is critical to guide the Board's decisions on how available funding should be used to enhance student achievement and well-being.

Together we can ensure that our shared vision remains at the forefront of everything we do. We thank you for your participation in this important process.

Sincerely,

Rory McGuckin  
*Director of Education*

Joseph Martino  
*Chair of the Board*

cc. All Trustees  
All Superintendents