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12. Naming of Heritage Months: Moratorium

On motion of Trustee Gough, as amended by Trustee Glover, the Program and School Services Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

Whereas, Toronto District School Board schools recognize and celebrate the diversity of its student population in many ways over the course of the school year, under the guidance of the Board's equity framework, which calls for an anti-racist, anti-colonial equitable lens to be applied to classroom teaching so that multiple narratives, histories and traditional customs are recognized and engaged with culturally responsive and relevant pedagogy all year long; and

Whereas, the practice of trustees putting forth motions calling for the naming of particular months of the year for recognition of specific cultural or religious heritages has increased rapidly in recent years, with several months now containing significant events calling for commemoration and in addition, also being also named for multiple cultural heritages/religions, some of which have colonial roots; and

Whereas, at the moment there is no overall coordination or framework to guide the process of naming heritage months, nor is there a requirement for trustees to consult with a broad sector of the public or with system administrators prior to putting forth motions calling for the naming of heritage months; and

Whereas, in 2016, the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee raised the issue of the celebration of heritage months, and called for the development of a policy involving a process of community involvement and outreach to all stakeholders, including the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, in response, the Board passed a motion requiring the Director to present a report by the April 2016 cycle of meetings on:

- 1) the number of heritage months being celebrated in the TDSB;**
- 2) the financial resources allocated to heritage months;**
- 3) the staff time allocation for planning and executing the celebrations; and**

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Whereas, a report was produced and received by the Board on June 22, 2016, however to date the policy is in the work plan stage of development;

Therefore, be it resolved:

That through to the end of the 2018 calendar year, a moratorium be placed on trustee motions calling for the naming of heritage months, until the policy on the naming of heritage months is fully developed within the framework laid out by the Equity Policy Community Advisory Committee and approved by the Board.

At the Committee meeting, on amendment of Trustee Glover, “through to the end of the 2018 calendar year” was added before “a moratorium”.