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Hello all

I was first elected Chair in August 2015, and after five years at leading our Board, I have decided to step away from the role of Chair. As most of you know, I was not planning to seek another term as Chair at Organizational Board in November, but I believe now is a more appropriate time for the Board to have a new Chair in place in order to have leadership continuity during the process of selecting and appointing a permanent Director of Education – a process which will take some time.

Given the uncertainty that comes to an organization while it searches for new permanent leadership, I felt it was necessary to make this decision now to ensure the greatest amount of stability moving forward. I will officially step down as Chair on August 10, 2020 and have called a Special Board meeting for that date to elect a new Chair.

The Board has come a long way and overcome a number of significant challenges since I first assumed the role of Chair five years ago. It has truly been one of the greatest honours of my life to be Chair of the TDSB. Thank for the support you have shown me for the last five years in this role.

If you are thinking about putting your name forward and would like any insight to the role, please do not hesitate to contact me, I would be happy share my experience and to have a more in depth discussion about what the role of Chair of the TDSB entails.

Regards,

Robin



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