

Notice of Motion

Regular Meeting

October 21, 2020

In accordance with the Board's bylaws, 5.15.2, Trustees Doyle and Laskin are providing notice of the following, for consideration at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 4, 2020.

TDSB Support for Ranked Ballots

Whereas, the City of Toronto runs municipal elections which include the elections for public school board trustees; and

Whereas, the Provincial Government is considering Bill 218, *Supporting Ontario's Recovery and Municipal Elections Act, 2020*, which would amend the *Municipal Elections Act* to revoke the power previously granted to Ontario Municipalities to hold ranked ballot votes for municipal elections; and

Whereas, ranked ballots, where voters rank candidates in order of choice, allow voters to vote for candidates they support, not just vote against candidates they oppose; and

Whereas, ranked ballots ensure candidates with the most support win; and

Whereas, ranked ballots ensure more choice, more voices, more engagement and more diversity – and it is known that democracy is strongest when more voices are heard;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- a) That the Chair of Board send a letter to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing indicating the Board's opposition to the proposed revocation of the Ontario Municipalities' ability to hold ranked ballot votes for municipal elections, copying OPSBA and the City of Toronto;
- b) That the Chair of Board send a letter to the City of Toronto Clerk's Office indicating the Board's support for the use of ranked ballots for municipal elections, copying the Mayor and City Councillors.