

Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Doyle and Laskin)

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In accordance with Board Bylaw 5.15.2, notice of the following motion was provided at the regular meeting of the Board on October 21, 2020 and is therefore submitted for consideration at this time.

5.15.2 A notice of motion will be introduced by a member who is present as an advance notification of a matter to be considered at a subsequent Board or Committee meeting. A notice of motion will not be debated at the meeting at which it is introduced...

5.15.2 (c) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a committee meeting, will be considered at a subsequent committee meeting...

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.

